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SEED TIME AND HARVEST

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GOOD and evil are mental perceptions. Two perceptions wholly opposite as these are, come through two qualities of mind. The quality that perceives good is intelligence; that which perceives evil is earth-textured. Evil is the antithesis of reality, even as it is of good. It is nothing in itself, has nothing in itself whereby it may produce a materialization. It has neither substance nor power, the two indispensable elements to manifestation. It comes of nothing and remains eternally a no-thing.

Physical events come out of the mind of the race, and are the outward forms of what is being carried forward mentally by the race. Our lives are on the invisible, and the invisible activities are apparent to the intelligent mind. The invisible is as the steam which makes the cloud, under given conditions.

Mental events have origin, development and maturity. Dependent upon its mental genesis, the physical event pushes up over the rim of the mental, grows in the visible, matures, and then subsides. The mental support on which it was built has been withdrawn to work out another event which moves in an order like that which marked its predecessor. If each event is permitted to grow, develop and subside in an uninterrupted

procedure, there are no disasters on the surface of life, because there are no thwartings beneath the surface.

The composite mind of humanity works on the invisible, manipulating the universal essence. The event has its visible and its invisible steps, and the intelligent mind looks through both the invisible and visible procedures, noting the lawfulness of purpose, the orderly innocence with which the invisible event manifests. It knows that the visible event is never calamitous, never evil. The earth-textured mind knows in the zone of the earthy, and is incapable of penetrating to the invisible; therefore it is unable to see events in their true perspective. It views the Punch and Judy of the show, but has no idea of the wires or of the manipulator of the wires. All that it sees it adjudges as substantial, unappealable.

The ignorance of the earth-textured mind is responsible for what appears calamitous. It sees an event emerging from the invisible and not understanding that the event is in process of development, it takes fright, and begins defensive, perhaps offensive preparations against a supposed antagonist. Because the mind is the source of all that appears, movements of offense or defense arrest the event, and lengthen the time which it requires for the working out of its destiny.

When a mind looks from the intelligent and from the earth-texture standard it sees contradictions, apparent warfare between good and evil. Paul observed from this dual outlook when he spoke of Spirit warring against the flesh and the flesh warring against the Spirit. What Paul saw was the arrested event broken in its own confusion. Flesh has not the power to war, and Spirit does not war, being essential peace. The condition which Paul partly described is illustrated by the waves of the sea beating against the enduring wall of a granite promontory. There is apparent warfare when the swift-running swells hurl themselves against the rock, but all the uproar and defeat is in the water recoiling upon itself when it tries to overleap its natural bounds.

The promontory stands unmoved, non-contentious. It has no active part in the turmoil. It is itself, calm, undisturbed. The Spirit does not war. The flesh, trying to do what it cannot do, is the cause and only agent of disorder.

Prophecies that point to disaster are based upon observation of the unripe event. Such forecasts are basically untrue, and may be wholly defeated by switching the observation from the earthy to the intelligent viewpoint. Evil is no-thing, and the nearest it can come to reality is to absorb the attention of the earth-textured mind. It never wholly enters into an alive world. To the credulous mind an arrested event looks like prophecy fulfilled, whereas it is but an item in the endless, shifting procession of mind. The credulous mind is the matrix of the disagreeable occurrence. A child will pull up a tender pea vine and call the young leaves flowers. The dog in the story dropped good food out of its mouth into the water below, to snatch at what was tempting in the mouth of the reflected dog. An ignorant man fears the heat of the liquid iron in its sand mold, and his mind does not see the utility of the cooled and dressed metal.

In less obvious connections than cited by the foregoing examples, the unripe event is called a calamity, a plague, a loss. Floods, fires, crop failures, are arrestments which the earth-textured mind has put upon natural agencies in some stage of action. The salvation of our planet is committed to the intelligent minds of our planet, because the ignorant, earth-textured mind never makes progress. Its tendency is to travel around and around in a circle, following after its own foundationless prophecies and believing them fulfilled.

From the time when the Son of God quickened the life germ of this planet, the mind of man has observed in its own zone, and judged accordingly. It has carried with it through its many-aged evolution its evil and its good. Its evil has been the shadow blindness of its

own ignorance; its good has been the daystar gleam of its veiled divinity. The earth texture of its mind caused it to pluck the undeveloped event into the realm of experience, to arrest the growth of what is altogether good. Its God-mind obscured and ignored, has nevertheless urged it on, until now we have the first visible signs of what God meant when he approved his own works as good, and even very good.

When we hear an evil predicted, we are listening to an earth-textured mind as it delineates an undeveloped good. If we join our expectation to the prophecy, we shall be party to an arrested development in the perfect race. It is the prerogative of the intelligent mind to nullify the predictions of the ignorant mind. When ignorance said to its child, "You are blind from birth," intelligence looked, and saw, and said, "Receive your sight." And the man's eyes were opened.

In these days of food administrations and general conservations, the earth-textured mind fearfully reaches out to pluck the growing good. It predicts failures, hungers, sufferings. But it is operating in its own zone, the zone of the no-thing. Its prophecies are based on unreality, and it is the business of the intelligent mind to see to it that ignorance does not arrest the natural good, and so bring disorder into the world.

It is a fact that too much rain will ruin wheat, that drought will shrink the corn yield. But weather is man's harvester, not his destroyer. Floods and droughts are arrestments, and they do not need to occur. In the intimacy that links the peoples of the world today, each shortage, each probability in the estimate of yields is known in every civilized section of the globe. The rule for the intelligent mind is: Keep your faith high, and your attention on totals. When this is done, the foolishness of evil prophecy is plain, for shortage in one place is always found to be balanced or more than balanced by plethora elsewhere; shrinkage in one product is compensated by excess in another.

"While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

This is the prophecy which the intelligent mind brings to bear, especially when it hears ignorance predicting abnormal seasons and crop failures. This is the inspired statement of the sure law, and those who are for God and not against him will cleave to the promise, work with it, and let it work with them.

Adam reached out into the undeveloped event and plucked a curse for himself and for those who followed him. But the curse was washed away in the obedience of Noah. "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake," was the ripe event as it came in through the Master of the Flood. The ignorant mind cringes under the curse; the intelligent mind springs up with the victory of pardon, poises itself above the shadow and keeps forever free from suspicion of failure; "there shall be no more curse" for the intelligent one.

The mind of the world is focussed on Europe. But there is mind enough to go around and meet all contingencies. While we are joining the might of our souls to the might of God's cause as it centralizes over there, intelligence prompts us to hold for an orderly procession of events, everywhere. The political tangles will unravel; the industrialism of the world will meet the rearrangements of our daily changes and will adapt itself to the readjustments impending. The world has always come out of its travel pains, stronger and better. There is more intelligence in the world now than ever before, and the opportunity should invite enthusiasm rather than doleful prophecies.

The fields of the earth, sown and reaped in a sturdy confidence in the present and future good of the developing event, will yield "seed to the sower and bread to the eater."

The event which is upon the world today is of

God, and it will go through . It is our part to not complicate conditions by arresting the development of the event, as yet mostly invisible, stupendous, and wholly beautiful. The march of cause and effect need not be made disorderly. Nature is at command, and will do her part. God does not require sacrifice. So let us not prove slackers in the fundamental obligation of meeting the invisible demand. Let us give to it the same courage, the same exalted faith that characterize our response to the outer demand, effacing each dark prediction of the earth-textured mind with the immutable certainty that "seed time and harvest . . . shall not cease."

PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

We must live as gods if we would enter the presence of God.

The first step to be taken is to recognize God in all the activities of our lives, in the flower, the weed by the wayside, the sublimity of the mountain, the budding life of the forest-tree; to see the working out of Law and therefore the finger of God, in all the happenings of the day . . . to move through the day as gods among gods.

There will come to every soul seasons of test and trial, alternating with the times of exaltation and power; but these should not cause him distress.

As the disciple lives a life of beauty and of order, of truth and of goodness, will he see God in all things, and by bringing God into his own life, he will enter into the true Presence.

Let your ideals be high and ever-present—loyalty, courage, firmness, endurance, love, devotion.

Practice silence, unselfishness, concentration, self-control.

Live neither in the present nor in the future, but in the Eternal.—*Oriental Esoteric Society.*

METAPHYSICAL LAW OF THE I AM

Extracts from an Address in Unity Auditorium, Kansas City, by CHARLES FILLMORE

ALL PEOPLE who have studied metaphysics, and understand somewhat the action of the mind, recognize that there is one underlying Law, and through that law all things come into expression; also that there is One universal Mind, the Source and sole origin of all real intelligence. First is mind, then that mind expresses itself in ideas, then those ideas make themselves manifest. This is a metaphysical statement of the Divine Trinity —Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The trinity—Mind, the expression of Mind, and the manifestations of Mind —is found in simple numbers and complex combinations everywhere.

The metaphysics of the Hebrew Scriptures are based on this law of the Trinity. They were written far ahead of the race thought, and it is probable that those who wrote them did not understand all that was involved in the Word of the Spirit. It is seldom that great writings are fully understood. Less than one hundred years ago, a book aiming to give the names of all the English poets was published in London, and Shakespeare's name was left out. It is said that a great man must be dead five hundred years before his work will be appreciated.

The Hebrew Jehovah has been translated "Lord." Lord means an external ruler. Bible students say that Jehovah means the self-existent One. Then instead of reading "Lord," we should read *I am.* It makes a great difference whether we think of I Am, self-existence, within, or "Lord," master, without. All Scripture shows that Jehovah means just what God told Moses it meant—*I Am.* "This shall be my name to all generations." So instead of "Lord," say *I Am,* whenever

you read it, and you will get a clearer understanding and realization of what Jehovah is. *Jehovah-jireh* means "I Am the provider." If we expect to demonstrate prosperity from without we find it a slow process; but if we know *I Am* is the provider, we have the key to the inexhaustible resource. God was also known to the Israelites as Jehovah-shalom—"I Am peace." It is found we can demonstrate peace of mind by holding the words, "*I Am* peace," with the understanding that the real *I Am* is Jehovah within. But if we start any demonstration and try to apply the I Am to personality, we fall short. This is frequently the cause of lack of results in carrying out the laws that all metaphysicians recognize as fundamentally true. The mind does not always comprehend *I Am* in its highest, neither does it discern that the All-Knowing, Omnipotent One is within man. This recognition must be cultivated, and every one should become conscious of *I Am* presence. This consciousness will come through prayer and meditation upon Truth. In Truth there is but one I Am—Jehovah, the Omnipotent I Am. If you take *Jehovah-shalom* into mind and hold it with the thought of a mighty peace, you will feel a consciousness, a harmonizing stillness, that no man can understand. It must be felt, realized, and acknowledged by your I Am, before the Supreme *I Am* can pour out its power. Then you will know you have touched something; but you cannot explain to another just what it is, because you have gone beyond the realm of words and made union with the Cause side of existence. It is the quickening of your divinity through the power of the Word. This Divine nature is in us all, waiting to be brought into expression through our recognition of the power and might of *I Am*.

We should not fail to always think of the spiritual law under which *I Am* moves. It is possible for man to take I Am power and apply it in external ways and leave out the true spiritual law. In our day we are proclaiming that man can use I Am power to restore health,

bring financial prosperity and increase happiness, in fact, that he can, through righteous, lawful use, have everything that he desires. But some people are using this power in a material way, neglecting soul culture, building up the external without taking the intermediate step between the Supreme Mind and its manifestation in the outer. We should remember that the soul must grow as well as the body. I know a man who was overtaken with physical disability and loss of eyesight some seven years ago. In his extremity he turned to the spiritual law for help. I saw him not long since, and his physical condition was unchanged. But there was a great change in his soul. He had found the light and he was filled with inward rejoicing. He had become blind that he might see. But his family thought all his dependence upon Truth had been a failure. During all these seven years he has managed his business and it has prospered, and his family has been well provided for. He was for a time disappointed and rebellious because his eyes were not healed; but now he is glad, because through the prayer and thought he was forced to adopt he has found the inner light.

So if you find yourself disappointed because you do not at once demonstrate health or success, be at peace and know that your earnest prayers and meditations are working out in you a soul growth that shall yet manifest beyond your greatest hopes. Remember that if the powers of man are expressed they must also be manifested; but do not expect any real manifestation without expression. It is easier to seek the Truth willingly and be watchful and obedient than it is to be forced by some severe experience. Hard experiences are not necessary if we are obedient to the Truth that saves us from them. Every day time should be given to prayer and meditation. The soul cannot grow without them, and no man who neglects them will develop his spiritual powers.

The Great I Am is not far away from man and the

earth. Spirit is closely connected with the little things of daily life. "The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." This means that the mighty One is with us in all ways. We are all in touch, heart with heart, and a real sympathy makes us one. In reality we all love the simple life. The pomp and parade and pageantry of the external world do not satisfy the soul. It is the small things that touch the heart and appeal to us. We want realities. Even on the stage we demand the realistic. I once read of a playwright who tried to give all of his scenes the touch of realism, and in one place he had electric fans so placed that they would blow to the audience the odors of the viands that the actors were eating, thus convincing the people that the food was real. While one of his plays was being given, a cat strayed in, came on the stage, stretched before the fire place, lay down and went to sleep. The audience applauded. This added a touch of naturalness that the playwright was anxious to introduce as a permanent feature of the play. But it is hard to get a cat to do things when you want it to do them. However the playwright set himself to study out how he could induce the cat to go through with its part, and he hit upon this plan: About noon each day he shut the cat up in a very small box, so that it had no room to stretch, then let it out just at the time its appearance on the stage was desired. Of course the first thing it did was to stretch, then drink from a saucer of milk set ready for it; then it would lie down before the fireplace and go to sleep. So he solved the problem, and this little touch of commonplace realism became the hit of the play.

It is on such little things as these that success hinges in the play called "life." I Am Might is not in the storm, nor the earthquake, nor the fire, but in the "still small voice," according to Elijah the Tishbite.

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Peter's admonition, "Be ye all like-minded," is one in which we can join with a larger understanding prob-

ably than the early Christians to whom he was writing, because we have a better understanding of the mind and the laws governing its action. We are receiving new phases of truth along all lines, and to us it seems most important that our religion be progressive; that we get new and higher concepts, and see deeper and more scientific relations in the lessons and experiences of those who have preceded us in study and demonstration of spiritual truth.

If there is science in God's universe there must be science in the Mind that projected that universe. If there is mathematical accuracy in the order of the material world, there is a like accuracy and order in the mental world. If there is science in the relation of atom to atom, if there is science in the current that flows over the wire and sets in motion the electric fan, there must be science in the Mind back of all these manifestations.

God created all things from his mind, by his thought, through the power of his Word. The Divine fiat went forth "Let there be," and "it was." The one Mind is still projecting itself into the universe, and its law is expressed through thought rightly directed. The highest expression of Divine thought is man. How important, then, that man should study the science of mind, and in every way seek to find the law lying back of the harmonious universe.

If we make living cells through the power of thought we should know something of the law underlying the process. On every hand thoughtful men are searching for the scientific cause of things. Here is an illustration that came under my notice yesterday. A lady had been sick for a long time, had tried everything to get well, finally had come to the Jesus Christ way of healing, and had made a good start toward health. But she met with opposition in her family, especially from her husband. To overcome this opposition she began, in a quiet way, calling attention to the various demonstrations

that had come under her notice, among others the healing of a mole on her mother's face. The husband began to show an interest, and said, "If there is such power behind this healing system I am willing to think about it. There is something satisfactory in knowing that one may learn how it works. I can see as a reasonable proposition that mind acts on the body through nerves, and the conditions are nourished by thought. When your mother stopped thinking about that mole it was no longer nourished, and consequently disappeared. That appeals to my reason. I thought this was a religion, a sect; but if it is something that a logical mind can understand, I want to know more about it." You will find people like that everywhere. They think this is some new religion, and when they come to understand that it is absolute science they are willing to look into it.

The creation of the universe is not based on illogical assumptions of law, but law is its foundation. There are no miracles in science. Jesus Christ did no miracles. All of his marvelous works were done under laws which we may learn and use as he did. As the body is moved by mind, so the mind is moved by ideas; and right here in the mind we find the secret of the universe. This is where Jesus Christ differed from the ordinary man. He knew the power of spiritual ideas to do mighty works. He said, "The Father within me, he doeth the works."

Before you can realize the great, mighty power of ideas, you must unify them. All must pull together. Get your ideas in divine order, and a mighty mind force will begin to work for you right away. This divine order is necessary to the upbuilding of both mind and body. This divine order is the "kingdom of heaven" so often referred to by Jesus. To attain this unity and harmony of mind it is necessary to have perfect statements of Truth, and adhere to them in thought and word. States of mind can be set into activity just as, through the manipulation of gasses, electricity, etc., we may purify and impart certain potencies to the atmosphere. In a far

larger degree ideas change the atmosphere of the race. Jesus Christ had a grasp on Divine Ideas, and if I believe in and follow him I shall come into that same state of mind. We become like-minded by entering into the absolute. In the one Infinite Mind there is only harmony. In that Mind is the Idea Love; and you can see that as we all think thoughts of love it will do away with all discord, all separation, all caste; selfishness will be eliminated, and the whole human family will be joined in the one Divine Love.

Last week a man came saying he was in harmony with and wished to join Unity; but he also wanted to join a socialist society. He had been reading on socialism and thought our work and theirs were along similar lines, and he asked if there would be any conflict if he joined both societies. Now, we believe in the broadest, most generous thought. Search where you will, read what you want to read, think for yourself, be free; at the same time keep your eye on the highest you can conceive, and avoid all lines of thought that are contentious and argumentative. Socialism has a truth back of it. The early disciples had all things in common, and the Truth as exemplified in the universe shows that everything really belongs to the whole creation. We may think as we look at the ocean that it is separate from the rivers and the moisture in the clouds. But the moisture in the clouds will be precipitated and find its way into the ocean. The same unity of life is seen everywhere, and when we take hold of and adjust ourselves to a right understanding of life all things adjust themselves to us. We are all sharers in all things, and if we go about it in the right way, the great Law will bring to us our very own. But to succeed we must adopt the law of love and justice. If we see contentions and take a fighting attitude toward those who seem to have more than we, we violate the law and cut off our supply.

All the money in the world might be equally distributed, but if selfishness and ignorance of truth con-

tinued to rule, it would not be long until some men would again have more than others. If those who now have but little could exchange places with the men of wealth, they in turn would become oppressors. The same mental states will always produce the same conditions. Therefore we must look deeper and lay hold of the Law of Love and unify ourselves with it. A rich man will give his money to you as freely as to his family, if you find the way to his heart. Love is the great unifier, and when the whole human family are united in love, no one will lack; and there will be no soldiers nor warships, no strife, no contention. Every knee must bow to the Prince of Peace. Jesus Christ must be held up as a standard, and all our ideas must be unified with his ideas. Do not allow any opposing, clashing thought toward anybody or anything to work in you. If you do it will separate you from friends and finances.

As you unify your own mind forces in the one Mind, the body will be lifted up into a new state of harmony. If anyone is not demonstrating the principle, it is because he is not unified with the one great Harmony. He is not expressing the Divine Mind as he should, because he is not realizing his oneness with it. Resolve to become one with God through Christ. Harmonize yourself with him, and all your world will be in harmony. Be on the alert to see harmony everywhere. Do not magnify seeming differences. Do not keep up any petty divisions, but continually declare the one universal Harmony. The Christ Mind is here as the unifying Principle of this race, and we must believe in the Divine Man working in us and through us, and know that through it we are joined to the Father Mind. That is the Father's house to which we have all so long been seeking to return. In the consciousness of the Father Mind the unity of God and man is demonstrated. "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one."

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WITHIN

AGNES LEE

THE statement that if waste and repair were perfectly balanced in the human body, no organ could decay and, therefore, death could not occur, has been made with such manifest logic, and such unwavering persistency, that if no other law than that of demand and supply were involved, it would indicate the existence of a *how*.

Relative to Law, the number twelve in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation is basically associated with the human being. Starting with the twelve sons (characteristics) of Jacob—first advancement over the purely physical man—we have these twelve qualities, or characteristics, described synthetically, and later in analytical detail, as the parcels of ground, or inheritances of the twelve tribes of Israel.

We read of the twelve foundation stones as the temple—body; the twelve precious stones of the breastplate of the Jewish High Priest, which reflected the light from the altar. Stone represents crystallized thought. A precious stone is one whose quality—characteristic—cannot be alloyed with a baser sort. Therefore, the twelve precious stones, reflecting the light from the altar, represent the twelve qualities, or mind radiations, which are perfectly harmonized with Truth—the Inner Light.

The twelve disciples (characteristics, qualities, or modes of energy) of Jesus—consciousness of identity, or *I Am*—were brought under his control—harmonized, that is, heavenized—in order for him to control the elements and the human being, even to the extent of raising the dead.

As Being is an aggregate of forces, the perfect Being is clearly one of perfectly balanced forces. The soul consciousness is poised in the body through the

organs and their functions. The unit of the body is the organ; the unit of the organ is the cell, and the unit of the cell is the organic and inorganic cell salts, the latter being twelve in number. Biological chemistry asserts that upon the equilibrium of balance of these twelve inorganic or mineral cell salts, the structure and vitality of the cell depends.

As thoughts have been photographed through a drop of a solution of one of these twelve mineral or inorganic salts, thereby proving that these salts execute or embody thought, and as disease is inharmony of vital activity (organic functioning), the metaphysician can say that upon the sustained quality or kind of thought held for each organ or center of consciousness, or point of contact, the sustained quality of organic functioning depends.

The Centers of consciousness are as follows:

Name	Characteristic	Point of Contact
Peter	Faith	Pineal gland near center of top of head
Thomas	Reason	Front brain
Matthew	Will	Center front brain
Bartholomew	Imagination	Between the eyes
Simon	Equilibrium	Base of brain
Philip	Power	Root of tongue
John	Love	Heart center
James of Zebedee	Substance	Pit of stomach
James, son of Alpheus	Order	Navel
Andrew	Strength	Small of back
Judas	Life	Generative center
Thaddeus	Purity	Eliminative center

Jesus, the perfect man, brought these modes of motion, or rates of energy, or ideas, or qualities of being, under the control of his Divine understanding, or his degree of faith expanded understanding, or divine plan of consciousness, or his harmonized—heavenized— consciousness. When Jesus was in trouble, he said, if he

wished, he could command more than twelve legions of these rates of vibration or mentation to restore him or help him to overcome any possible calamity.

Jesus said his disciples—characteristics—were the salt of the earth. Webster says the earth here mentioned is a figure, meaning the body. This is the conclusion of metaphysicians. Salt, according to Webster, as well as the Savior, is the essential characteristic, or quality, or feeling, as applied to persons. Salt is the universal preserver of organic substances.

Following the law of analogy, we see that the twelve qualities, or characteristics, or twelve disciples, manifesting as and through the twelve centers of consciousness, are the saving quality of the body or *manifested Divine Life.*

Thoughts are now proven to have size, weight, color, shape, and to occupy space, and to be measured in terms of force.

In Cellular Therapeutics we have a system, Schuessler by name, which the natural action or force, fixed by a law of chemical affinity of any of the inorganic constituents, is systematically employed to eliminate any given disease from any of the tissue cells, by means of molecules of special adequate magnitude. These set up molecular motion and equilibrium of balance in the economy of the cells. In metaphysics we employ the first law of heaven—order—and have Spirit, or thought, or mind balance. Those who are consciously deficient in any of the twelve qualities of consciousness, can have transmuted to them in *special adequate magnitude* from the Omnipresent Mind, the qualities necessary to establish a perfect equilibrium in the organism.

That only which we have within, can we see without. If we meet no gods, it is because we harbor none. If there is grandeur in you, you will find grandeur in porters and sweeps. He only is rightly immortal to whom all things are immortal.—*R. W. Emerson.*

PEACE

THE SOURCE OF PEACE

1. God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. —I Cor. 14:33.

2. Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.—Job 22:21.

3. The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.—Psalm 29:11.

4. I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak unto his people, and to his saints.—Psalm 85:8.

5. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.—Isaiah 54:13.

6. Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.—Jer. 33:6.

7. When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? —Job 34:29.

WHERE PEACE IS FOUND

8. A good man shall be satisfied from himself.—Proverbs 14:14.

9. The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.—James 3:17.

10. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.—Isaiah 26:3.

THE LAW OF PEACE

11. To be spiritually minded is life and peace.—Rom. 8:6. Great peace have they that love thy law; and nothing shall offend them.—Psalm 119:165.

12. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. Proverbs 3:17.

13. The kingdom of God is not meat and drink;

but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Romans 14:17.

14. Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.—Isaiah 26:12.

15. The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.—Isaiah 32:17.

THE PRACTICE OF PEACE

16. Seek peace, and pursue it.—Psalm 34:14. For he that will love life, and see good days . . . let him seek peace, and ensue it.—I Peter 3:10, 11.

17. Love the truth and peace.—Zech. 8:19. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.—Heb. 12:14.

18. Be at peace among yourselves.—I Thes. 5:13. That ye may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.—I Tim. 2:2.

19. If it be possible, as much as lieth in *you*, live peaceably with all men.—Romans 12:18. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:3.

20. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace.—II Cor. 13:11.

21. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.—Rom. 14:19.

22. Glory, honor and peace, to every man that worketh good.—Romans 2:10.

THE JOYFUL EVIDENCE OF PEACE

23. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.—Isaiah 12:2.

24. And my people shall dwell in a peaceful habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.—Isaiah 32:18.

25. He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords

into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Isaiah 2:4.

26. In that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground; and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. —Hosea 2:18.

27. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.—Lev. 26:6.

28. For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field; and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.—Job 5:23.

29. In *his* days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him.—Psalm 72:7, 8, 11.

30. Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.—Isaiah 55:12.

31. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.—Psalm 22:27. For the earth shall be *full of the knowledge of the Lord*, as the waters cover the sea.—Isaiah 11:9.

Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations—these are the silent threads of gold which, when woven together, gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.—*Canon Farrar.*

THE MARRIAGE OF THE RESURRECTION

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Jesus said unto them, The sons of this world marry, and are given in marriage: but they that are accounted worthy to attain to that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage: for neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.—Luke 20: 34-36. R. V.

MARRIAGE, in its spiritual significance, is the conscious union of the male and female of God implanted in man in the creation. This is the union of which Jesus spoke when he said, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Marriage is the union within the individual of the Father-wisdom of God and the Mother-substance of Love, out of which union comes the perfected Man.

Jesus, conscious of the unification of his Divine masculine and feminine, perceived that the world of men had looked upon the idea of marriage in a literal way until it had come to represent the act of legally uniting a man and woman in wedlock. The Sadducees, to whom Jesus uttered the words of the above quoted text, recognized only civil law as binding, and had no knowledge whatever of a resurrection. They denied entirely the existence of God as a governing power in the activities of men.

The Sadducees, intent upon believing that license of marriage is also a license covering fleshly indulgence of various natures, are still with us. They deceive themselves in believing that they can indulge in the lusts of the flesh and escape the consequences, provided they have the proper sanction of civil authorities. Because of erroneous teaching concerning heaven, these people believe that in some mirac-

ulous manner, the outworking of which they are quite willing to leave to God, they will be suddenly transported, through the door of death, into a realm where there will be neither marrying nor giving in marriage; neither will there be any more death. This idea of heaven is not in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ, who, himself, became the Wayshower to life everlasting through overcoming the limitations of the flesh man and the grave. When one realizes that Mind is the governing cause, it is easy to discern that people, who are living in the lusts of the flesh, will have no sudden transition into a state of harmony inhabited only by angels. The kingdom of heaven is within man, that is, it is within consciousness, and is a realm of harmonious thought activity, fashioned and built as one harmonizes his ideas and desires with Absolute Principles of Truth. Certain scientific principles of mental action are continually expressing all about us. Everything brings forth after its kind. Men do not gather grapes of thorns nor figs of thistles. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

The resurrection takes place momently once man has been quickened of the Spirit, and once he realizes he is spiritual, subject only to the law of Omnipotent Good. "I die daily," affirmed the wise Paul. This sort of dying, dying to false ideas and their activity in consciousness, is the foundation of eternal life in the flesh, for the corruptible cells, formed by corrupt thinking, are transmuted into incorruptible ones through spiritual thinking. Eternal life is not something to be attained, but is something *to be lived.*

As every thought is brought into captivity to the Christ Mind, pure thought-substance is formed and the Divine Idea Body comes into expression in natural order. It is clear to the thinking student that as one purifies the mind he comes to a place in regeneration where he cannot indulge in any death-producing activ-

ities, or as Jesus expressed it, "neither can they die any more." The generative marriage is the besetting sin of the body, and is the primal cause of death, for through it man robs the body of the product of the life forces which, under a law of purification and holiness, naturally regenerate and renew the body tissues. Whether one is living in lust, legalized by the laws of the land, or allowing sex ideas to run riot in the consciousness through fostering carnal desires, the effect in the body is demoralizing and destructive. Man produces results in the body according to the nature and intensity of his ideas.

And God created man in his own image . . . male and female created he them. And God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (Gen. 1:27-28 R. V.). This fiat of God is quoted as authority by mankind for their reason in believing that God placed his particular stamp of approval upon the flesh marriage and its product. Yet we read in Genesis 2:5 that "there was not a man to till the ground." It must be concluded, therefore, that God's blessing was given to the male and female of himself, the Ideal of Mind, the man created in his own image. Man is ever seeking to become the angel, the god he originally was, but not until he forsakes the desires of the personal man will he make much progress toward this goal.

Marriage, as we see it pictured in the earth today, is but the symbol of the real marriage eternally existing in Being. Just as the world became lost in the idea of medicine as a power to save the body from disease, so the mass of people today are groping about for liberty from the bondage of carnality, and in no other state of organization does such defilement and carnal indulgence exist as in that precinct prescribed by the civil law of

marriage. But like all other pleasurable evils that grow and flourish, there comes a harvest time, when error is uncovered and uprooted and the righteous (right-use) principle comes into its own. Affairs in the world today herald a great adjustment of the marriage relation, and as has often been the case, necessity becomes again the mother of invention. Thrown back upon the soul for satisfaction, man has always emerged more refined and chastened.

The Truth is that satisfaction is not found by seeking in the external, and marriage will fail to satisfy so long as men and women look in the without for the "helpmeet" that should come, as originally, from within. To realize the marriage of the resurrection man must be reborn; he must come into the realization that he is the offspring of God, and therefore not subject to the desires of the flesh. This realization places man upon a sound foundation and opens to him the possibility of attaining eternal life and love here and now. Being satisfied to work with his inherent creative forces, man cannot again become involved in death-producing sex activities on either the physical or psychical planes of expression.

Chastity of the body, in its external application, is not such a difficult attainment. Man says whether he shall or shall not indulge in the outer carnal desires of the flesh. But unless the consciousness is specifically cleansed, sex ideas run riot in mind, causing suppression of forces which set up inharmonies in the body; or union with another on the soul or psychic plane is indulged in as a safety valve. Affectional and emotional demonstrations between men and women, when prompted by desire for sense satisfaction, are as devitalizing to the soul as sex indulgences are to the body, and both activities prevent spiritual growth.

Purification of the consciousness from all ideas of sex is the first essential toward the realization of the marriage of the resurrection. Purification is readily

established when man is willing to renounce the desire for pleasurable evils, and willing to turn his attention within, seeking to become conscious of the Truth that only through the union of the male and female elements of his being is satisfaction attained. This involves a definite step in consecration. Man must retire within the consciousness and with loyalty and devotion woo the perfect God Idea Self. At this point of growth one is confronted with the question, How shall I conduct myself toward that one who represents my externalized Ideal, under the civil law of marriage? What is the mental attitude toward the symbol when the reality has been glimpsed? Gradually or immediately, depending somewhat upon how involved the soul is in the sense expression, man works out his salvation. As the real union is realized within, the symbolical union is renounced and relinquished. In fact, it is impossible to be attached to any thing in the external except that represented by an idea active in mind. When God becomes the lover of man, all external lovers either cease to exist as lovers, or else they take on God-like characteristics corresponding to the purified consciousness. Manifestation follows realization in perfect order and harmony.

Spiritual companionship, like all other spiritual attainments, is realized through working from ideas outward. So long as men and women are willing to accept a counterfeit as the genuine, just that long will they fall short of realizing the union with their Ideal Self. Divine Mind imaged its ideals, and they manifested under the Divine Law. Man proceeds in an identical manner to bring forth the harmony of his world, and works from the subjective to the objective. It is unfair, and hinders the growth of our companions, to attempt to fit our ideals upon them. If the substance of thought, heretofore utilized in discerning the weaknesses of a companion, is given to dwelling upon the Ideal, all the relations of men and women would be adjusted in per-

fect harmony; by perfect harmony is meant *harmony with Divine Ideas*, and not an expression governed and regulated by sentiment, personal desire or man-made laws.

There is a natural desire for an expression of love and companionship between men and women. This desire is legitimate, since man and woman stand for the externalized male and female idea of God. But the man and woman in regenerative consciousness, having aligned themselves with Principle, find that their companionship is regulated and controlled by a Divine Law of action in harmony with their Ideals. The expression of Divine Love between the externalized male and female of God is neither "free love" nor "legalized love," but an expression of loyalty and adoration to God, which in itself becomes a caress that purifies and refines until all that is gross and material in either soul is transmuted into pure spiritual substance. The body of the man and woman joined in the holy marriage each becomes a radiating center of purity and life, out of which emanates the healing love of the Father-Mother. The offspring of the marriage of the resurrection is not of the flesh, but of the Spirit.

The redeemed man and woman blend as one in God, having no other interests than that of knowing God aright and serving him. To serve God is to serve humanity. The marriage of the resurrection becomes a unit of helpfulness, rather than a unit of selfishness, as is common to the marriage of the flesh.

The state cannot legalize the marriage of the resurrection though it may be called upon to sanction it, because it cannot comprehend it; neither can the man and woman joined in this marriage die any more, that is, fall back into the death-producing activities of flesh lust. "They are equal unto the angels." Angels represent holy thoughts in consciousness, and when the regenerated man and woman come to dwell in holiness

of thought they are no longer "sons of men" but "sons of God, being sons of the resurrection."

The resurrection marriage is now being consummated in the earth. A race of gods is in the making. Spiritual progress is not a matter of time but one of realization. To get a vision of godliness is to proceed toward its attainment, for in no other way is God's will established in the earth (realm of manifestation) as it is in heaven (realm of the Ideal). The Garden of Eden is the redeemed body in which man shall live eternally in a state of bliss. In this Paradise of God (the holy body-temple) there shall be no more death, for the cause of death, sexual generation, shall have been wiped out of consciousness. Through purification of thought man will again be joined to the woman (soul) within himself, from whom he became separated by gross and material thought activity. In the resurrection marriage men and women find perfect satisfaction in utilizing their creative forces in the bringing forth of the Christ Self.

THE SCULPTOR

Chisel in hand, stood the sculptor boy,
  With his marble block before him;
And his face lit up with a smile of joy,
  As an angel dream passed o'er him;
He carved it then on the yielding stone,
  With many a sharp incision,
With Heaven's own light the sculptor shone;
  He had caught that angel vision.

Sculptors of life are we, and we stand
  With our lives uncarved before us,
Waiting the hour when at God's command
  Our Life-dream passes o'er us.
If we carve it then on the yielding stone,
  With many a sharp incision,
Its heavenly beauty will be our own,
  Our own that angel vision. —*Selected.*

BIBLE STUDIES

In the wonderful picture-gallery of those "who through faith . . . obtained promises," which we find in the 11th chapter of Hebrews, is Gideon. In the Revised Version we read that "faith is . . . the proving of things not seen," and in the 13th verse of this same 11th chapter, that all these heroes by faith saw these unseen things, "and greeted them from afar."

Gideon was one of the Judges, who were the leaders and magistrates of the Israelites between the time of Joshua and Samuel. His name signifies "brave soldier, or lit., 'cutter-down.' "

Like Abraham, Gideon had his dwelling-place under oak trees. An oak tree in itself stands for something very strong and protective; but, in Hebrew, it has a deeper significance than this. The word comes from the root from which is derived the word *Elohim*, so we are reminded of "Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty," which we shall see is exactly the spiritual interpretation of "dwelling under an oak." Mr. Rawson has written that the oak tree is the symbol for a teacher.

Gideon, we read, was "beating out wheat," dividing the true from the false, when "the angel of the Lord appeared unto him." The thought that came to him was *Immanuel*, "The Lord is with thee." It was the same thought that came in yet far greater clearness to Mary in Nazareth. We must remember that this was the promised event to which all holy men of old ever looked: the realization on earth of man as the Son of God—"as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee."

Jesus exemplified the thought as far as was possible in the flesh; but he pointed to a higher realization —"touch me not, for I am not yet ascended unto the Father"—turning man's gaze away from all outline and personality to infinite Spirit.

This answer of Gideon to his heavenly visitor seems such a natural one: "Oh, Lord, if the Lord be with us why then is all of this befallen us?" It is what millions of hearts have asked since the days of Gideon. Divine Science alone can give mankind the answer—"In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him"—and that day knows no going down of the sun; it is today, now and always.

To Gideon's momentary doubt, we read that "the Lord looked upon him," or brought Gideon into His own presence, and said unto him: "Surely I will be with thee . . . peace be unto thee; fear not; thou shalt not die."

We remember the wonderful words of the Hebrew Blessing: "The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace!"—the peace of God, that can keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God.

One word more we will notice. God said unto Gideon: "Go in this thy might!" The angel said unto Mary, "the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee," which power, we know, was the Holy Ghost—"I can of my own self do nothing," but "with God all things are possible."

The enemy against whom Gideon waged war was Midian, which means "strife, contention." To many people, there is no enemy that is so difficult to kill. Petty quarrels, jealousies, uncharitable thoughts, how they come back again and again; nor can they ever be overcome except by divine Love—the Mind that was in Christ Jesus—"who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not, but committed [it all] to him that judgeth righteously."

The Midianites, however, must be exterminated before we entirely possess the Promised Land; we must "smite them as one man," impersonal evil, and that, even, as a "claim" that never was, and never shall be.
—*Derek, in "Active Service."*

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THE TRUE CHARACTER OF GOD

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ABOUT the first thing one learns, when he becomes spiritually quickened, is that God is not a being with form as a person, but is Spirit. Spirit and Mind are synonymous, so when one thinks about mind he readily understands God as Spirit. God is also Principle, Being, Law, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Omniscience. He is the first Cause or Source of all that is. This Cause is Good always, and is ever the same.

There is no personal God. When man first comprehends this, because of the narrowness of his mortal vision, he feels that he has lost the Supreme One altogether, and he cries out like Mary did when she came to Jesus' tomb and found it empty, "They have taken my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." But soon the one who has given up his idea of a God of limitation or form, learns to know him as his everpresent life, love, wisdom, power, strength, substance, and understanding. In thus identifying himself with God, man becomes conscious of his Presence and learns to realize in him a loving, tender Father, Friend, and Guide, closer and nearer to him than even the organs and functions of his physical body. Thus God becomes individualized in man, though he cannot in any way be limited to the personal consciousness of man.

God, as Principle, can be understood by thinking about the principle of mathematics or music. As Principle, God is not limited in any way, does not fill any space, yet he is, always was, and always will be, the One Great underlying Cause and Source of all true ideas and conditions. He is the Life, Love, Substance, and Intelligence of Being that never changes.

When we know God as Principle we can easily

understand how he can be everywhere-present, and how everyone could use this Principle and demonstrate with it at the same time yet not limit it in any way. Everyone could derive benefit from it, yet take nothing from its fullness.

God as Principle never changes, but is "the same, yesterday, today and forever." "Without variableness, neither shadow of a turning." This gives us a sure foundation upon which to base our faith.

Law is the orderly working out of the Principle, or, Principle in action. When people do not work in harmony with the Principle they build up error states of consciousness. These later manifest in the body and affairs in many inharmonious ways, such as sickness, pain, discord, strife, poverty and death. This explains the text in Hebrews 12:6, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." If people did not reap the result of their error in suffering, they would never seek the kingdom of God, or right ideas, that they might come into *right relation* with the Great Principle of Being. When we understand the Principle and work from it, in harmony with the Law, all things will be possible to us.

We are asked, "What is meant by God immanent in the Universe?" This means that God, or Spirit, is the One Life, Light, Intelligence, Love, Substance, and Power, that pervades everything, everywhere. There is not one tiniest atom in the whole universe that is not permeated by the One Mind. God is "In you all, above you all and through you all," and "In him we live, and move, and have our being." God, as the One everywhere-present All-Knowing Mind is often spoken of as Omniscience; that is, all-understanding, all-knowledge. Every expression of true intelligence everywhere has its source in the One Mind.

Omnipresence means always, everywhere-present. God is the *One Presence* that is everywhere, pervading all things. He is always present as Principle, but fills

no space. This One Presence is also Omnipotence, all Power—unlimited. The Spirit of God is the One Great moving Force or Power of the whole universe.

We can understand how this One Presence, One Power, and One Intelligence, that is God, dwells in us by thinking about the manner in which our minds dwell in our bodies. Our bodies are built and controlled by our minds. The whole creation is brought into manifestation and controlled through the Power of Mind. It would be well for us right here to consider the truth that there are *not many minds*. God or Spirit is the one and only Mind there is. He is, as we have already said, the Source of all true intelligence. We do not have minds of our own apart from the One Mind, nor are we portions of the One Mind, for the One Mind cannot be divided. We simply have expression or consciousness in the Great Mind of the Universe and should never recognize ourselves as being in any way separate from the One Mind. An idea of separation builds a state of consciousness contrary to God which is called the devil or the adversary.

Everything that is manifest has an idea as its impetus, and all ideas have their source in the One Mind. Therefore when we look for and study the ideas back of creation (or the things that appear) and trace them to their source (the One Mind) we are studying Mind back of manifestation.

Many religious people of today question whether man is capable of understanding God. Some say at once, without any deep thought, that the "finite" cannot comprehend the "Infinite," which is quite true. They, however, do not take into consideration that man was made in the image and likeness of God and is, therefore, in his true nature Infinite. God is Mind and man is the offspring of God or Divine Mind, so he too is Mind. Since man came forth from the One Mind and has expression in it, must have the ability within him to understand it.

Man's inheritance from God is the Ideas in Divine Mind. Through an understanding of these man can form and bring into manifestation in his world anything that he desires. When man understands the all-possibilities of these Divine ideas, that they are his to use whenever he chooses, he will realize the magnitude of his birthright.

There are three processes involved in bringing forth, viz., Mind, Idea, and Expression. The One Mind is the Source of all true Ideas. We must first identify ourselves with this Mind and become consciously one with it. Then we will understand its ideas, and through holding them in consciousness and affirming the Truth we will bring them into expression. Ideas take form through our words and acts. When we are consciously one with Divine Mind we cannot help expressing its ideas.

Jesus fed the multitude from the idea of Substance. The "bread" represented Substance, and the "fish" ideas of increase. Substance is one of the Ideas of the One Mind. Jesus understood the inexhaustibility of this Idea and how to connect it with the Life Idea and thus brought about the needed increase in manifestation. The Life Idea, in which is all vitality, vigor and energy, was back of Jesus' work in healing the sick, and raising the dead.

We shall do the works that Jesus did, by becoming as consciously one with the Father as he was. We shall then express the Ideas of the One Mind as he did. We must acknowledge the One God and declare our oneness with him and know of a Truth that "it is not I, but the Father within me, he doeth the works." We must realize that we have the same Mind that was also in Christ Jesus; that we have conscious expression in the One Great Mind of the Universe and therefore understand how to use all its Ideas. We must know that all power is given unto us and that we have the ability to use it aright. In other words, we must keep

the Law and work in harmony with the Principle in order to do the works that Jesus did.

The kingdom of heaven (which Jesus Christ told us was in and among us, and which he enjoined us to seek first that all outer things might be given us) is made up of a right relation of the Ideas in Divine Mind, the expression of which brings perfect harmony, order and peace. It starts first in the consciousness of man and gradually becomes established in mind and body. It then expresses in the affairs of man and in the whole earth. The kingdom of heaven, like Spirit, is omnipresent. It must simply be brought into expression and manifestation. It is very necessary that man should enlarge his concept of God in order to bring forth his good more freely and fully. Man enlarges his concept of God by studying and magnifying the Ideas in Divine Mind, thus coming into a fuller and more complete knowledge of him as Life, Love, Substance, Power, All-Good, Omnipresence. Omnipotence, Omniscience, and everything that we can think of that is grand and glorious and perfect.

We are not always conscious of our oneness with God because we have used our inheritance (the ideas in Divine Mind) in wrong relation and, consequently have set up states of consciousness that have hid the Father from us. We went out into the outer realm of consciousness and neglected to keep in touch with the inner until we thought appearances were real. Our return to God is through the same channel by which we wandered away from him. Having become tired of outer things of sense, we begin to pray, to think about God, and to affirm words of Truth. In this way we become open and receptive to the Spirit, who quickens our understanding that we may enter into a true knowledge of God. As we learn to identify ourselves with Divine Mind, our consciousness becomes more awakened to its Ideas, and we are gradually transformed into our original holiness and perfection.

BIBLE STUDY

Interpretation of Genesis 2:8-14 R. V.—Its Application in Individual Consciousness.

8. *And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.*

The spiritual emanating force of man is Jehovah God, or *I Am.* The "east" represents the within, and the "west" the without. "Eden" means a pleasant, harmonious productive state of consciousness in which are all possibilities of growth. When man is expressing in harmony with Divine Mind, bringing forth the qualities of Being in Divine Order, he dwells in Eden, or in a state of bliss in a harmonious body.

9. *And out of the ground made Jehovah God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

The "ground" represents formed substance—ideas of Truth of which man is conscious. The "tree" is the connecting link between earth and heaven—between body and mind. The "tree that is pleasant to the sight" is the perceptive faculty of mind. It is always pleasant to perceive Truth. The substance of spiritual thought is the "food" which is good. The "tree of life in the midst of the garden" represents the Absolute Life Principle established in Man-consciousness by Divine Mind. The roots of the "tree of life" are centered in the Solar Plexus region, and they are symbolized in the physical organism by the nerves.

The "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" represents the discerning capacity of Mind. Man perceives the Truth, and then must discern the relation of ideas before perfect activity is set up.

10. *And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four heads.*

The "river" symbolizes the activity of the *trees* or the Current of Life in the organism (garden). The "head" of a river represents its directive power.

11 and 12. *The name of the first is Pishon: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.*

"Pishon" means flowing. "Gold" represents the most precious spiritual substance. This branch of the river stands for the respiratory system in the physical. It is in the lungs that the Life current makes a union with substance.

13. *And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Cush.*

"Gihon" means stream. "Cush" means blackness. This river flows through the unillumined consciousness and symbolizes the circulatory system in the physical.

14. *And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth in front of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.*

"Hiddekel" means sound. It symbolizes the digestive system in the physical man. "Euphrates" means that which makes fruitful, and symbolizes the nervous system. The generative center in the loins of man is the point of contact of life in the physical man, but when the consciousness has been redeemed and man places himself *in the Garden* through *I Am* or Jehovah God, he contacts the "tree of life" at the Solar Plexus region and from this Center exercises authority and dominion over the whole current of Life in the organism.

"Turn thou to thy God" in the secret place,
Be still and know his cool refreshing grace
Wait there in patience, lovingly, with song;
Know his greatest powers to thee belong.

—"*Good Will.*"

"BE NOT AFRAID. I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

EDWARD WELDON CARTER

My Dear John:

Now that you are ready at any moment to go "Over There," I am writing to you again, hoping to throw more light on the Great Truth about which you already know something.

You know that men everywhere, especially in our great camps, are turning their attention to the One Great Source of All—God. Some are asking for strength and courage, some are questioning, and some are doubting the Wisdom and Love of the Master Mind for his children on this earth. Most of the men are Christians, or at least belong to some church, which at some time they have attended. But you and I believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and reverence him, as being the very Son of God.

Now here is the great shining Truth, which is beginning to take deep root in the mind of man: That you, being spiritual, made in the "image and likeness" of God, are the Divine Son of God. This was repeatedly asserted by our Savior and teacher, Jesus, to be the true relation of man to God. Jesus tried to bring this realization to the minds and hearts of men, but how blinded to the Light they have been!

It is written, "God created man in his own image." What does this mean? As taught by Jesus, it simply means that man, being created in the image and the likeness of God must possess the Divine attributes of him. Like him, we have Infinite power, wisdom and love. As God is unlimited, man, the likeness of the Father, is unlimited. "Greater works than these shall he do," said Jesus, of him who believeth on the Christ. It was the Christ consciousness, or Divine Self of Jesus, which enabled him to do his wonderful works. This same Christ dwells within each one of us, invisible, but All-powerful.

Can you grasp this Truth and realize it? That you, reading these words, are an expression of the Most High God, in very Truth, the Son of God. That within you, though you may know it not, is this Divine Presence, which is the answer to everything you may ever need or desire.

Let these wonderful words sink into your mind: "I am the Divine Son. My Father is within me now and I am divinely protected." Think what this means to you! This Divine Presence in you is the "Spirit of Truth," which Jesus tells us to seek, and which will lead us and protect us in all our ways.

Suppose that some time when you are alone Christ, himself, would actually appear before you and say to you, "Do you believe on me and take me for thy Guide, Protector and all that you may ever need?" Would not your heart leap for joy and gladness? Gone would be the doubts and fears, anxieties, and all your troubles. You would fall down at his feet and cry, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast come to me as thy Son. I do believe on you. I now abandon myself utterly to thy care and love. From now on you shall guide me and direct me in all things." And what a wonderful sense of security and peace would be with you. You would know that all is well, regardless of contrary appearances; that the Divine Presence in you would be your safeguard and protection against enemies, bullets, fire and famine.

Jesus, who was the fullest and most perfect expression of this Christ, said, "Of myself, I can do nothing. It is the Father in me who doeth the works." Jesus meant that he, the outer man, with his intellect, his reasoning powers, etc., could do nothing, but the Christ in him was All-power, All-wisdom, All-love, and could do any and all things.

You are an idea of God, and he brought you into visibility. Having done this, God does not take him-

self away and leave you to wander alone through life, but dwells within you, waiting for you to take him as your guide and helper.

Although God is the creator of all things, and lives and moves in all and through all, yet he has individualized himself in each one of us. Thus God is Father to each one and we have the free-will to choose whether we shall recognize him or not.

Allow this Divine Part of yourself to guide you and the way will always be clear. You will be free from worries, dangers and troubles because you will know that "he that is within you" is stronger than all the world. He will shield you from all evil, and bring only good into your life and affairs.

Take a little time every day (alone, if possible), to talk with God. Learn to free your mind of everything and to wait and listen to his voice. Take a thought such as this, and dwell upon it: "God is in me and is all Love and Power." Try to realize that God loves you. Give him a chance to do something for you.

Whatever the circumstances, no matter how dark the way may seem, turn to this loving Father in you and say, "I place myself and all my desires and affairs fully into thy care, Lord, trusting thy Infinite Love and Wisdom to bring about that which is for my highest good. Not my will, Father, but thine be done."

If you seem to be in danger, keep such thoughts as the following in your mind:

"I abide in the Divine Presence of God and he keeps me from all harm."

"In him I live and move and have my being."

"God's loving Presence enfolds me and I dwell securely in him."

"I am unafraid and dwell in peace, because I am in him and he is in me."

And now, I place you in the care of our most loving Father, knowing that all will be well with you.

Your Loving Elder Brother.

A MORNING PRAYER

"I seek Thy presence in quietness and confidence."

At the threshold of the day, before taking up the round of duties—thy work—I come, Lord, into thy presence for my inspiration and supply. In conscious humility, I bow before thy perfection and await the inrush of thy Spirit into my being. In faith I await thy benediction and my portion of inheritance.

As thy child, there is naught between me and thee. All that thou hast is mine—of strength, of love and of wisdom. Oh, thou, who are identified in me, manifest in me my portion of health, strength, love and wisdom. In thee I consciously "live move and have my being." Thou, as Strength, art the Source of my strength. Thou, as Love, art the Source of the love I would feel for mankind. Thou, as Wisdom, art the Source of my wisdom which I am able to discern, and impart. Thou art the Truth which we seek. In thee my personality is lost and my individuality established.

I am thy hands and feet. My eyes are thy organs of vision through which I may discern thy work in the manifest world. My tongue is thy organ of speech through which I may proclaim thy truths. My ears are thy means of hearing the cry of thy children, who have not yet found thee. My heart is thine— through which thou wouldst manifest thy love to thy offspring.

Thou art the Life Principle which animates me. When I came out from thee I was lost in wonder of thy manifest world. Now I discern thee as Source and Principle, and myself as thy manifestation, through which thou wouldst demonstrate thy image and likeness. In this realization, I am emptied of all self-will and personal desires. Take possession of thy organism—express thyself through me. Fill my consciousness with thy presence and my heart with love. Let me, being conscious of thy perfection in me, preserve a balance between the seen and the unseen; help me to see thee in all manifestation. My desire is to do thy will.

In the name of Him who showed us thee, I ask thy blessing.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: The above thoughts, which came to me in the Silence this morning, were inspired by the thought for the day in Weekly Unity, "I seek thy presence in quietness and confidence." I shall hold this prayer daily. If you think it worthy to be passed on, please do so with my sincere love. This point of view, which is such a comfort to me, has been entirely brought about through Unity literature. I am grateful beyond words to express.]

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THE BIBLE

Among books the Bible has chief place in our ministry. Mistranslated, misinterpreted, misunderstood as this book has often been, it has lived and been a help and comfort to many generations of spiritually minded people. Now that a fuller measure of the quickening Spirit is with men, and they are better able to look back of the letter of the Scripture and discern its spiritual meaning, its inspiration is more evident than ever before.

All the Truth contained in the Bible is from the inspiration of the Spirit. There is no other source of Truth. Inspiration is as necessary in reading the Bible as it was in writing it. Those who read the Scriptures intellectually, can see only the letter, and they often condemn the book as lacking in that spiritual quality which many claim for it. The more deeply spiritual a man is, the more he sees in the Bible. Truth is not to him a mere philosophy, but a living principle that enters into his life with quickening, directing power, carrying with it the Substance which is to him daily food.

The only authority for Truth that Jesus ever gave, the only leader of men that he recognized, was the Spirit of Truth. Men sometimes overlook this fact and substitute the Bible, as a book, for their authority and guide. This leads to errors, and misunderstanding, and confusion, and an endless variety of doctrines. By ac-

knowledging the Spirit of Truth as the one and only authority, the Bible will lose nothing, for whatever of Truth is expressed in it will then be understood and appreciated as never before, while errors of the translators and interpreters will be readily discerned. Friends of the Bible are only binding themselves in limitation and keeping its golden truths hidden by looking away from the Spirit of Truth to something external, even though that something be so wonderful a thing as the Bible.

Things are not true because they are written in the Bible, but they are written in the Bible because they are true. And the things that are true are so many and so mighty that no single book could contain them all. Of Jesus, John wrote: "There are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written everyone, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." In his promise of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said: "He shall teach you all things, and *bring all things to your remembrance*, whatsoever I have said unto you." If one substitutes the Bible for the Spirit of Truth as his teacher and authority, he is like a man telephoning with the wrong connection, and he fails to receive that inspiration within himself which would reveal to him all the truths which Jesus taught that are not written in the Bible. This illustrates how one cuts himself off from the inspiration of the Spirit whenever he looks to anything without for light.

The Bible should be read in prayer that the inspiration of the Spirit may reveal the spiritual meaning of the Truth that has been written by inspiration. This centers the mind aright, and keeps it open to receive even more light than can be expressed in the faulty language of fallen man. At best, language often conceals a thought, rather than expresses it.

The surest way to keep from being led away from the Spirit of Truth as authority is to rightly understand

the meaning of the "Word of God." The Word of God is not any book, but as John describes: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The Word of God is so limitless in its scope and power, and so far above and beyond anything in the way of a book, that it is sacrilege to think to confine it to any book or anything else in the external, formed realm.

Sometimes the adversary leads men to glory in looking to the without instead of the indwelling Spirit of Truth for light and proof, thus entrenching them in an error that would otherwise be clearly seen and overcome. For protection hold:

"I recognize no authority nor guide but the Spirit of Truth. Everything in the without claiming to be Truth must come before this discerning One within me. I know the Truth and the Truth makes me free. I am not dependent upon anything external for decision and understanding. I recognize and acknowledge my oneness with the Spirit of Truth."

I AM THAT I AM

THOMAS J. ROWE

There is but one I, Spirit, Mind or Being. Being is not divided into beings; Life into lives; Mind into minds. There is no mind but my Mind; it is Universal, Infinite, Perfect; there is no power to weaken or change it.

What I want I have. I possess all, because I am All, both substance and light; the movements of the planets, the rising of the suns, the moons and the stars. The rising up and the lying down of all is done in my Universe, for I am the Universe; there is none other. I am Infinite; Almighty is my power; Illimitable is my Wisdom. I rest in eternal strength and conscious love. All that is thine is mine; mine is that which belongs to me. Being and its possessions are not divisible; Jesus, therefore, meant *all is me.*

The one Infinite Being knows himself only; he being all of me, both mind and body, he is me and I am he, the Eternal One. I possess the latitudes and longitudes, the height and the depth; all essence and elements are mine, for I am Illimitable, Omnipotent, Supreme. "I am the beauty of holiness, the perfection of Being—imperishable glory." I am the vastness of Harmony, the strength of Infinitude, the power of Omnipotent love. I create All. I command and it is done. I am that which I declare I am—Supreme, Complete; Visible and Invisible, Principle, Idea, Mind and Manifestation. I am Immutable, Invincible, Sublime Divine Spirit which is the whole of Being, and the brightness of all glory.

"Love took up the harp of life,
And smote on all its chords with might,
Smote the chord of self which, trembling,
Passed in music out of sight."

And is not love an attribute of God? It is God himself according to the apostle John. All other attributes or qualities in the Godhead stand around it like servitors eager to do its will. Omniscience is love that knows; Omnipotence is love that does; omnipresence or immanence is the love that is everywhere; holiness is the love of righteousness; goodness is the love of virtue; wisdom is the love that weighs and measures; justice is love at the bottom; mercy is love at the top. Says Browning, "For the loving worm within its clod were diviner than a loveless God amid his worlds, I will dare to say."
—*Dr. W. J. McKittrick, in "The Biblical World."*

Knowledge means
Ever renewed assurance by defeat
That victory is somehow still to reach.
But love is victory, the prize itself.

—*Browning.*

SUNDAY LESSONS by Charles Fillmore

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

SOLOMON DEDICATES THE TEMPLE.—I Kings 8:1-11.

1. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of the city of David, which is Zion.

2. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

4. And they brought up the ark of Jehovah, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; even these did the priests and the Levites bring up.

5. And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude.

6. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim.

7. For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

8. And the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the holy place before the oracle; but they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

9. There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when Jehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of Jehovah,

11. So that the priests could not stand to minister by

reason of the cloud; for the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah.

SILENCE—*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of Jehovah.*—Psalm 122-1.

The body is made up of the accumulated thought experiences of the ages. This body is invisible—it is enfolded in the subjective consciousness of the individual. This is represented as the city of David in Zion (Sepulchur). The word of God in the ark is the Divine Spark of man's being and the ark of the covenant is the agreement with Principle which has accumulated in inner consciousness. That is, it is the sum total of results of right thoughts and acts, which have, throughout the ages of the soul's experience, united itself to God. When we think and act according to Principle, there is left in the subjective realm of our being a certain mental result, which may be compared to the right answers to the problems in mathematics worked out by the school boy. This is carried over from life to life as a sort of a trial-balance, which forms the basis of each new body.

When we have through many experiences of body building accumulated enough of these merit-thoughts, they form the foundation in consciousness of a more enduring structure. Instead of a transitory body (tent) that perishes upon slight cause, we are entering upon the construction of a body that shall endure as a permanent temple of the Most High God.

The assembling of the "elders and all of the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel unto King Solomon in Jerusalem," is a drawing together in conscious unity of all the intelligent directive powers of the spiritual self, to the standard of Peace and Harmony.

This process may take place without the conscious mind understanding its import. The whole consciousness is made up of objective and subjective thoughts and their results. Like a chemical solution, they go through

changes on the subjective side that are observed in their outer appearance only, and but dimly understood. This feast in the seventh month, Ethanim, refers to a culmination each year of certain thought forces engendered on the natural plane. Seven always refers to material fulfillment, and twelve to spiritual.

Thus the metaphysician by study and meditation learns to observe these inner changes in soul and body, and instead of calling a certain chemicalization in thought a fit of sickness, he says it is a culmination of true and error thinking. It is in reality just what this Ethanim feast represents, a celebration of a thought harvest. The jewish feast took place at a time which covers parts of September and October.

The priests and Levites are our so-called "natural religious tendencies." These officiate in the rites and ceremonies of the tent, or tabernacle, and when the more permanent structure is to be built they bring up all the "holy vessels" from that structure. We can thus understand why some people are naturally of a religious turn of mind, though they may be born of worldly parents. They carry over from a former tabernacle the results of exercising the mind in religious ways. These are the priests and the Levites. Thus the savage with his vague understanding of Deity may, by constantly repeating certain religious ceremonies, accumulate a religious tendency that will make him "naturally religious" when he attains a higher plane of expression. This also is the basis of the formal religion where rites and ceremonies take the place of true spirituality.

The "holy vessels" are the thoughts that lie back of and form the various organs of the body. The "brazen altar" of temple worship represents the generative life, the "table of showbread" the substance forming organs about the stomach, the "candlestick" the intelligence, and the "brazen serpent" the nervous system. There are others, but these indicate the practical character of the symbology.

The "cherubim" were symbolic figures representing the attributes and majesty of God. They stand for those unfettered truths of Being which must always be present in the Holy of Holies within us. If we do not have this higher realization before us constantly, we shall drop down onto the physical plane, and our religion will become a mere phenomenal display. We are told that the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and covered it and its staves, yet they were "not seen without" and "there they are to this day." Here is a true description of the omnipresence of the Principle of Being in the whole spiritual life of man, though not outwardly visible.

At heart we have this holy place and these cherubim with their wings spread over the whole ark. It does not make any difference how great a back-slider you may be, the presence of the Spirit of God is not far away from your conscious mind. Right under your heart you will find a brain that in its depths treasures up the memories of all religious experiences, engraved on the two tables of stone, or very substance of your being.

The cloud that filled the whole place when the priests came out, represents the presence of the mind of God in its *visibility*, that comes to us when we have dropped all formal religious exercises and are resting in the very consciousness of Deity. This brightness of understanding is so great that the priests cannot stand to minister it—there is no place for formal religious ceremony or thought exercise. It was in this statement that Jesus said, "He who hath seen me hath seen the Father."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

REVIEW.

Read Proverbs, Chapter 4.

SILENCE—*Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*—Proverbs 4:23.

One in the understanding of Truth—the omnipres-

ence of all Reality—attaches to the word "review" no thought of retrospection. His *review* is of things now alive, not dead history nor events passed into oblivion. What would be thought of a general who, in the annual review of his troops, sought to call up the specters of those killed in battle? Generals do not do that; they review the living men before them, and pass judgment upon their capacity as presented in the living present. So the merchant takes a "review" of his financial condition, and bases his worth upon the assets now on hand.

These are valuable pointers to those who are now and then in the habit of reviewing their lives. Most people think that a review of this kind should include a raking up of all the past, with its failures especially prominent, that one may learn by experience. But this is not a review from the God standpoint. God does not care what you were as an infant, nor a youth, nor a young man or woman. What are you *now?*—that is the important point.

Again, in taking stock of yourself are you counting what you *seem* to have or what you have in reality? Most people count the seeming things and ignore the real things. You may be counting your life a failure because you have not succeeded in certain worldly ideals. The world looks at the possessor of temporal things and says, This one is successful; but the Lord may say, Take away that seeming talent and give it to the one who has the real treasure.

It is profitable to review yourself often from the standpoint of the Real. If you have even a little spiritual understanding, count it large, very large when compared with temporal successes or possessions. In his day Jesus was counted a failure, and 'tis a question whether he did not himself at times feel that his mission had fallen short, as when he cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

This was the personality; that humanity in him, as

in us all, which looked at the seeming and allowed it reality. Let us *know* that the spiritual only is real. If we have the light, and are using that light, we have the key to all success. Love is Real, Truth is Real, Justice is Real, Integrity, Honesty is Real. If your name is Jacob (*Supplanter*), one who is journeying from place to place to find satisfaction, counting the past, and looking to the future, change it to this "Is-rael," and find peace in the Lord's Reality.

Sunday, October 6.

ASA'S GOOD REIGN IN JUDAH.— II Chron. 15:1-15.

1. And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Odeb:

2. And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: Jehovah is with you, while ye are with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3. Now for a long season Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law:

4. But when in their distress they turned unto Jehovah, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

5. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in; but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the lands.

6. And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God did vex them with all adversity.

7. But be ye strong, and let not your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded.

8. And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Odeb the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill-country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of Jehovah, that was before the porch of Jehovah.

9. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and them that sojourned with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in

abundance, when they saw that Jehovah his God was with him.

10. So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11. And they sacrificed unto Jehovah in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

12. And they entered into the covenant to seek Jehovah, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul;

13. And that whosoever would not seek Jehovah, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14. And they sware unto Jehovah with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15. And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and Jehovah gave them rest round about.

SILENCE—*The vitalizing Life of Spirit purifies and heals me.*

Asa means *healer*. He is represented as king of Judah, which metaphysically represents the inner life force of man's organism. We usually refer to this inner life force as the vitality. Those who are not students of mind have but slight comprehension of the real character of these subjective energies. They know that the heart beats and the blood circulates; that digestion and assimilation go on, and that the body is the most wonderful structure in existence; yet they are ignorant of the intelligent power that directs and sustains its intricate machinery. An intelligence transcending that of the intellect is manifest in this realm under the heart, and a desire to understand, and a certain patient union of head and heart, reveal that another man presides there, who in this lesson is designated as King Asa.

King Asa is called *healer* because of the peace which reigned in his kingdom for the first ten years. The fact is that the subjective consciousness is in a state of perpetual rebuilding of the system when a right relation is established between it and the Divine Mind.

Asa destroyed all the heathen worship of idols, or external symbols, and commanded that Judah seek the "Lord God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment." The building of the "fenced cities" with "walls and towers, gates and bars," refers to the establishment, through rest and harmony, of centers of life in the organism that are protected by walls of positive Truth thought from disintegrating forces without.

Those who have not studied carefully the laws of mind think it foolish to insist upon patients giving up all material means when they decide to turn to God for healing. There is a very good reason for this, however. The mind controls the vital energies of the body, and when it directs part of them to the spiritual and part to the material there is separation and consequent discord. "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

This law of whole-hearted service to God is here set forth: "They entered into the covenant to seek Jehovah, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul." Then they affirmed their loyalty: "And they sware unto Jehovah with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets."

The power of the spoken word is very great. When we think, the mental atmosphere is set into action, in the realms where thought forms originate; and when we speak, the material world (which is the manifestation of the mental) is affected. When feeling, thought, and word are united, tremendous results are sure to follow. Where the "whole heart" and "whole desire" is set upon the Lord and fearless words of loyalty to Spirit are spoken, the harmony of the Divine Law is established and the "rest" of God is found in the whole man.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13.

JEHOSHAPHAT'S GOOD REIGN IN JUDAH. —II Chron. 17:1-6, 9-13.

1. And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.

2. And he placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

3. And Jehovah was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto the Baalim,

4. But sought to the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

5. Therefore Jehovah established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat tribute; and he had riches and honor in abundance.

6. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of Jehovah: and furthermore he took away the high places and the Asherim out of Judah.

9. And they taught in Judah, having the book of the law of Jehovah with them; and they went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught among the people.

10. And the fear of Jehovah fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

11. And some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; the Arabians also brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats.

12. And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles and cities of store.

13. And he had many works in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valor, in Jerusalem.

SILENCE—*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

The metaphysician perceives at once that this is a lesson in development of good judgment. Jehovah, the great *I Am*, gives forth his idea of judgment, which is incorporated in man's consciousness and called Jehoshaphat. But true Judgment is not a demonstration, but an *idea* in Divine Mind. The demonstration is in human consciousness, and the process is a problem in which many factors enter. Man's understanding of the Divine Idea—Judgment—is limited. He expands in this as in every other faculty, by use. In its infancy the faculty is not united to wisdom, and mistakes are made. But there is a monitor, or inner guide, that in-

tuitively perceives the right. This is Jehu the "seer," son of Hanani, the grace or expressed power of Divine Mind.

We are warned not to help nor love the ungodly desires or propensities. Under the Mosaic law of character cleansing, the most severe measures are recommended. Every enemy was slaughtered without mercy, and the most barbaric methods adopted in exterminating those who opposed Israel. This is but the parable —the enemies are false thoughts and error ways. These are to be utterly exterminated in thought and act.

Jehoshaphat's great work as king of Israel was the eradication of the temples and groves of Asheroth. These were the sacred shrines where the idolatry of the Phœnician Venus was practiced in licentious ways. Eadie's Biblical Cyclopedia says: "Originally she was an Arcadian goddess, the mother and bride of Adonis. In Canaan, however, she became the mere reflection of the Sun-god, and was as such identified with the moon, the symbol in this case being the cow, whose horns resemble the crescent moon lying on its back."

We perceive that Asheroth typifies human love, with its animal propensities. It requires fine discrimination to distinguish between human and Divine love. All love is Divine in its origin, but in passing through the lense of man's mind it is apparently broken into many colors. Yet, like the ray of white light, it ever remains pure. It is man's province to make its manifestations in his life just as pure as its origin. This requires painstaking discrimination and good judgment.

Divine judgment can be established in every function of our organism by *commanding* that the various thought centers (cities) shall have a perpetual presiding thought of good judgment. This is the way to "set garrisons in the land." False judgment thoughts often infest the various centers through which the bodily functions are carried on. You will find that your stomach center has a lot of arbitrary ideas as to what you should

put into it. It may refuse to digest certain things that are good for your general health, and cheerfully work on other things that are detrimental. No two people agree on what they can digest, yet there should be, and is, a Divine Law of harmony in this respect, as in all others.

The "kingdom" must be established in good judgment; then the whole system, represented by Judah, will contribute to the upbuilding, and that man will have "riches and honor in abundance."

True health is the enduring, unchanging harmony of Spirit, established in man's mind and body through his conformity to the Divine Law of his being. Any appearance of health not based on the Divine Law is temporary. The health of the natural man is a very uncertain possession. Today he is apparently well and strong; tomorrow his health may be gone, so one should not be envious of those who *appear* to be healthy.

Every overcomer needs to understand the difference between natural, temporary health and health which results from the inwrought righteousness of the Spirit. It will help him to be patient while he is becoming established in the Truth of his being, so making permanent those states of mind which are harmonious.

When the Spirit begins its cleansing, redeeming work in a man, there is often an appearance of inharmony arising from the necessary changes that are being made in the mind and body. Such disorder is not ill health any more than the confusion which is apparent in house-cleaning, or house-remodeling, is ill health. It is well for everyone to understand this, and see everything that goes on in his consciousness as the renewing, upbuilding work of the Spirit, instead of ignorantly believing it to be the destructive work of disease.

Teachers and healers need especially to have this understanding that they may the more effectually free the minds of their patients from the thought of sickness.

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CLASS THOUGHT

September 20 to October 20, 1918
Held daily at 9 p. m.

"I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me."

PROSPERITY THOUGHT

September 20 to October 20, 1918
Held daily at 12 m.

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

THOUGHTS FOR DAILY MEDITATION

The following are the texts to be used by the Silent Unity workers at Kansas City, Missouri, in the 10 a. m. Silence from September 16 to October 16, 1918:

September 16 to October 1—John 5:30: "I can of myself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is righteous; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

October 1 to October 16—Romans 8:1, 2, 11: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

These are extracts from letters that Silent Unity has written to those who have asked our help in finding and obeying the Divine Law of Life. There is a point in every paragraph that will help someone.

We know that as you seek to harmonize your thoughts with the Father-Mind you will be blessed accordingly. We cannot dwell in ideas of limitation or look to family for support if we expect to demonstrate the abundance of good which is ours by Divine right. Let these ideas go through denying their power to hold you in bondage. You are free Spirit, poised in the power, confidence and courage of your Divine Self, and that which is yours flows to you freely from the One Omnipresent Source. "All things are possible to them that believe."

God does not, in some miraculous manner, swoop

down upon man and set him up as an exalted being. Man exalts himself through coming into the consciousness that he is the offspring of God. When this is done he makes a natural union with the Father and comes to dwell in his love and protection. You need to lift yourself, through spiritual meditation, out of the idea of being "an old physical wreck," into the realization that you are now spiritual being, free from pain and poverty. Through Christ in you you are now set at liberty.

Following these realizations you will find yourself taking on an entirely new view of things, and your power to help and bless others will be increased. Pray daily for the guidance and inspiration of the Lord and do joyfully all that comes to be done, and you will be led forth into the field of service for which you are especially fitted, and be blessed abundantly.

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Things in the outer will adjust themselves, and you will no longer be disturbed by others, who are living their lives according to their own inner light and wisdom, even if their religious ideas do differ from yours, when you have harmonized your own ideas with Truth.

Read the inclosed booklet, "Loose Him and Let Him Go," and withdraw all resisting thoughts regarding your wife and children adhering to the Catholic Church. You cannot force them to see as you do; they have a right to choose for themselves. In setting them free, that is, in removing every resistant thought and criticism toward the tendencies of the Catholic Church and its doctrine, you will dissolve all the limitations that seem to bind you, and peace and harmony will result.

Sit apart by yourself for a time every day and with attention directed within you, repeat the following words over until you realize their truth and power:

"There is no criticism or condemnation in me, or against me. I am under the Divine Law of Love. Peace, harmony, wisdom and love are established within me and in all my affairs."

Declare the same Word of Truth for your wife and children.

Your comment about coöperating with us "if necessary," sounds very strange and almost unbelievable to us. Can it be possible that with all the instructions given you both in letters and in the booklets we sent, you have not yet realized that if you expect to get results you must coöperate faithfully with us? The statements we send are to be held every day in meditation and prayer and affirmation. This is to be done until a new statement is sent or until you have made the desired demonstration and the statement is no longer needed. We are sending you another copy of our booklet of "Instructions." Please study this diligently until you understand it thoroughly, and you will know how to coöperate with us in our ministry for you.

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Referring to a certain article which appeared in Unity, one of our readers wrote in a letter to us: "The publication of such articles makes it impossible for a person of intelligence or reason to be a subscriber. I know of many others who have the same views on the subject."

Our reply follows: We are in receipt of the clipping from Unity, which you sent us, together with your letter of comments. We assure you it is received in the Christ spirit in which you evidently wrote it. The main point, for the growing student of Truth to always bear in mind, is that he can discern only that of which he has understanding. Our comments about anything only show our unfoldment.

May the Spirit of Truth guide you into all Truth.

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There is much in the Bible concerning the restoring of man to his former state. This, however, has nothing to do with giving back in a personal way the friends and pleasures of one's childhood. Personality must be given up that the Christ may bring into manifestation

in the individual the true Self. This is true restoration. Please see the articles regarding living in the present, in the inclosed booklets, and know that if you were given your former friends again, it would not be getting the old friends back. You have grown and unfolded into a higher consciousness, and it is to be hoped that they have, too. There is no going back to old things! One of the great causes of "age" is trying to live in the past and dwelling in thought upon experiences that are gone.

We are constantly going on to something higher and better. If old acquaintances and friends come again into our lives, they are not the old friends; it is not the old times restored unto us; it is because some new problems are to be worked out with them and some new experiences realized. "The former things are passed away; behold, I make all things new."

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God does not allow you to be tortured; neither does he prevent your husband or anyone else from torturing you. You yourself decide this absolutely and wholly. As an illustration to explain this point to you, we shall use the principle of music. Whenever you strike the right keys on the piano, you produce harmony; if you strike the wrong keys, you produce inharmony. But the principle of music itself cannot force you to either learn the rules, or apply them after you do understand them. Would you waste time in sorrow and vain regrets about the mis-struck keys, or would you endeavor to find the keys which produced harmony? If you are not getting the right results in peace, health and abundance of All-good, it is because you are not expressing (in your thoughts and acts) in accord with the Principle.

Instead of allowing the acts of others to cause you pain, we suggest that you seek out the underlying cause that brings those acts into *your* world and causes you to be affected by them. To begin with, your ideal of a husband attracted to you the one (with all the seem-

ing limitations you mention) you married; or did you knowingly accept one that fell short of your ideal? Do you *live* by your own standard, or do you permit others to influence you?

Because you formed every condition that has come into your life is assurance that you can now transform your whole world through the renewing of your mind.

God is absolutely dependent upon you (so far as your world is concerned) to represent him in and express his love, joy and happiness to others. Can you afford to hide your Light under the bushel of your so-called "sorrow"?

Man has come to the place in his unfoldment where each one must stand firm for the Truth that he knows, regardless of what the others are doing, and no matter what the appearances may be. So you are to let go of the little seemings that appear, and express only the realities of Life.

Join with us in the realization of this Truth: "I am no longer bound by mortal limitations. I am free with the freedom of Spirit. Every thought I send into the world will cheer, bless, purify and heal. I express the Christ Ideal in all that I do."

Hold your husband in the thought of perfection that you would have him manifest, by declaring:

"You are the offspring of the living God. The quickening Power of the Holy Spirit is now active in your mind and body, and the Christ Purity is manifest in all that you think and do. I leave you free to express God."

Hold this thought also for the woman you mention. We are declaring your Divine birthright of peace, health, freedom, protection and success, and know that with your coöperation the Divine Law will be fulfilled.

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Your own comes to you under Divine Law. It ofttimes occurs that man attempts to hold on to something with which he has been associated and to which

he has become attached, that is not his own in Truth. We should be willing to set everybody and everything free and rest in the assurance that we cannot lose what is ours under the Divine Law. Hold that your wife is pure Spirit and is free to express her higher Self. There is no separation in Spirit, and if your are joined in Spirit, you will be brought together again.

God speaks to us in Ideas since God is the realm of Divine Ideas, and man's work is to carry out these Ideas. There is nothing supernatural in "the voice of God." You and God became one as you communed with him, which accounts for the thought becoming stronger as you dwelt upon it.

"Instructions in Healing" should receive your prayerful attention. The Spirit within will bless you abundantly as you coöperate with it in keeping your thought balanced and poised in spiritual ideas. Health of body, peace of mind and harmony of affairs is yours. Claim it and give thanks for the blessing. "Pray, believing that ye have received, and ye shall receive."

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We believe that the book of Revelation is really the picture of the redeemed man, and gives the experiences he meets in overcoming, most of which take place in the heavens—the mind. That which takes place in the individual also manifests in the outer world, so there is also an outer interpretation to Revelation. The outer interpretation can be understood aright by man only as the inner interpretation is revealed to him.

We do not think it wise to speculate. This refers to the interpretation of abstract and abstruse scripture, like Revelation. The tendency of the mind to attempt to unravel states of consciousness that it has not, through its unfoldment, come in contact with, is wasteful and inexpedient. There is no real growth except by dealing with the things at hand and mastering them. As one comes into the stage of unfoldment where other things can be met in consciousness, they will be opened

up to him as needed. Our aim is to deal as little as possible with theories, and make the Truth practical. It is pleasant to "soar" in consciousness, and "theorize" regarding spiritual things, but one righteous principle put into practice is worth countless numbers of beautiful sermons, books and ideas, prophetical and otherwise, that are never acted upon. We seek, therefore, in all ways, instead of dwelling upon outer interpretations that cannot benefit us individually to simplify truth and make the overcoming life so clear and plain that even the most unlearned in the wisdom of man can understand it readily.

We trust you will see more and more the necessity of the inner overcoming and growth in spirituality, realizing that through awakening within yourself the Mind that does know all things, you will be shown daily that which you need to understand.

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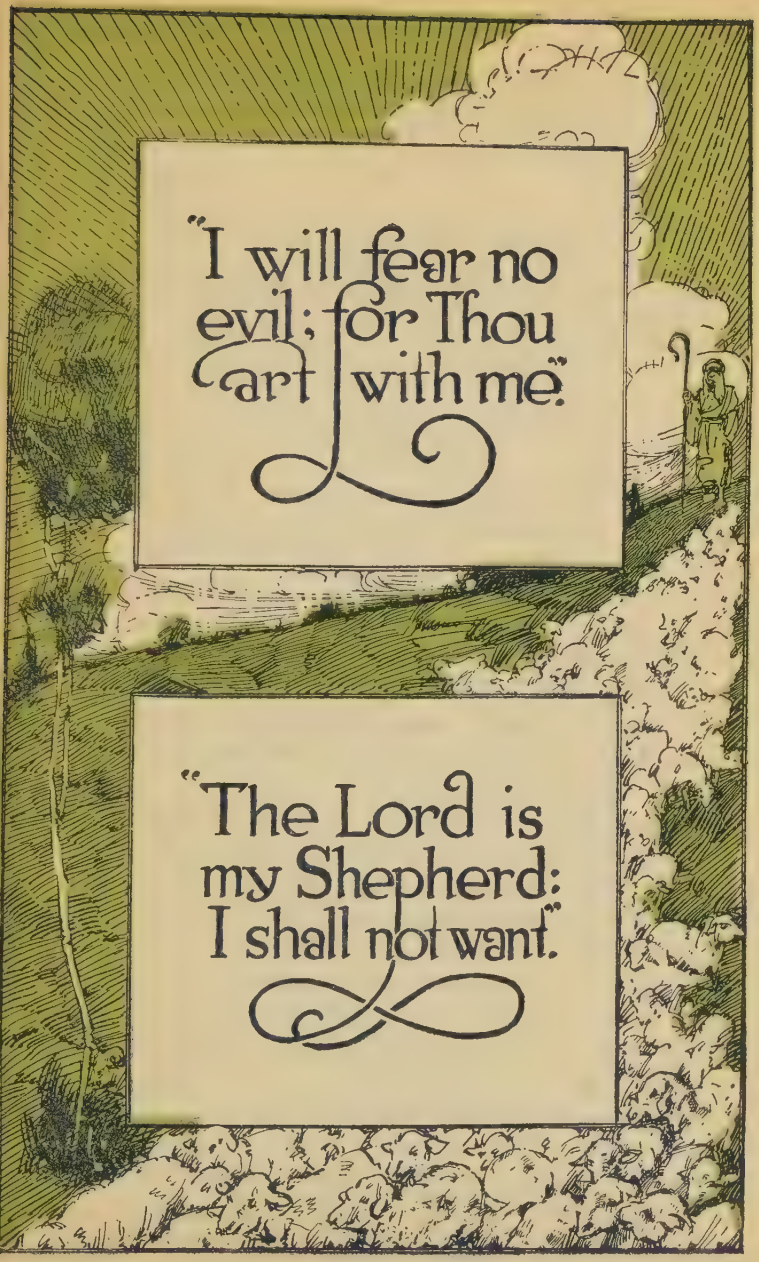
The body is a manifestation of Spirit and is even now, in its true essence, spiritual. It will manifest the Truth as we come to see it in its true light. Through renewing the mind and putting away all beliefs in materiality, we lift the body into that perfection which it occupies in Being.

Man is a three-fold being, Spirit, soul and body. These correspond to the Divine Trinity, Mind, Idea and Expression. The body is a very necessary part of man, and is the temple of the living God; (See I Cor. 6:19 and II Cor. 6:16.) therefore, it must be redeemed from the thought of materiality and corruption which man, in his ignorance, has put upon it. Jesus Christ lifted his body to such a high spiritual plane that it became one with the realm of spiritual consciousness. We are to be like him, and spiritualize our bodies as he did.

First worship God. He that forgets to pray
Bids not himself good-morrow nor good-day.
—*Thomas Randolph.*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SILENT UNITY HEALING

This department is in fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, "These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."—Mark 16:17, 18.

DO YOU BELIEVE THE WORDS OF JESUS?

When the healing power of God is mentioned to a follower of Jesus who needs help, the answer usually is that he is satisfied that Jesus could heal him, if he were here now doing the works that he did in Judea.

Jesus emphasized again and again that he would be with his followers to the end of the *age*—not the end of the world. No such meaning as the end of the world can be drawn from Jesus' words.

If you believe in the healing power of Jesus you can be healed by him this instant. The healing will be done as effectually as it could have been in Judea, when Jesus walked, and talked, and healed.

Jesus is here and always has been here. "Lo, I am with you always," was no idle promise. It is being fulfilled every day in the experiences of those who believe in the promises of the Bible.

One of the prominent subjects that Jesus dwelt upon was the establishment of the kingdom of God among men. His work was to prepare men for that kingdom, and he promised to be with and help those who had faith in him.

The following are extracts from a few of the many letters we have received during the past month from those who have been helped through the healing power of Jesus Christ:

HEALTH

St. Louis, Mo.—I asked your prayers for my wife, who had been having hemorrhages for about ten days and she began to get better right away. In three days she had entirely recovered. We are so thankful.—*J. B.*

Alexandria, Va.—When I wired you on behalf of Dr. D. he was in a serious condition. The gland had swollen until he could not swallow and the pain had become unbearable. The next morning it began to discharge and by night he could talk in a natural voice, and take nourishment. Yesterday we took our usual Sunday walk, leaving at one thirty and getting back at eight forty-five, so you can see his recovery has been marvelous. About five years ago he had trouble with this gland and the doctors could give him no relief. He had to live for eighteen months on milk and bread.—*Dr. J. H. B.*

Pasadena, Cal.—Before my letter reached you my son was healed of a bad case of oak poisoning.—*Mrs. W. G.*

Alma, Mich.—I express my gratitude for a complete cure in a severe case of neuritis, for which I had tried osteopathy, electricity, and two specialists, all to no purpose. Truly "all things are possible with God."—*R. M.*

Phoenix, Ariz.—About a year ago I was instantly healed of Bright's disease. I had suffered with it for nine years and the doctors said it was incurable. Since I first heard of Unity two years ago I have bought about fifteen dollars worth of the literature and have been helped in every way. I am seventy years young; take delight in my work and have prospered beyond all my hopes.—*E. H. W.*

Galveston, Texas—My husband had eighteen convulsions. The doctor had given him up to die, saying that he was liable to go any minute, and to all appearances he was passing. In my extremity I turned to God and Unity. The convulsions became lighter about two hours after my telegram had been sent, and they ceased about 2:30 a. m. next morning. Thank God! they have not returned, and I trust and know they never will. Thank the Father from whom all blessings flow.—*Mrs. H. E. W.*

Hamburg, Mo.—Last winter and spring I was so weak I could hardly move around the house. I had no appetite, but as I had been reading your literature, I did not want a doctor. A dear neighbor came over one morning bringing some copies of Weekly Unity, and asked me to study them. I did so, affirming, "I am God's child; therefore, I can-

not be sick," for about an hour, then got up and cooked dinner and ate a good meal. Since that time I have been remarkably well, and have not taken a dose of medicine for nearly a year. I thank God.—*Mrs. G. B.*

Davenport, Iowa—I am pleased to report the complete restoration to health and usefulness of my sick tooth, which the dentist said could not be saved.—*W. F. G.*

Batavia, N. Y.—Recently I was called upon to minister to a friend who was suffering with paralysis. The left side was helpless, but after the first treatment he began to feel life in the foot and leg. After the fourth treatment he was able to lift the foot eighteen inches, also move his arm and hand.—*Rev. M. C. W. G.*

Cleveland, Ohio—Everything pointed to an immediate and serious operation on my daughter's tonsils, but before your letter was received she had been instantly healed. Her tonsils had been swollen for years and she never got up in the morning without a sore throat. We are so thankful.—*Mrs. A. D.*

Ft. Scott, Kan.—My little nephew, for whom I asked your prayers for the after effects of the doctor's treatment of diphtheria, is now sound and well. The doctors and parents had given the boy up, and he certainly was a pitiable sight, as his trouble went into dropsy and he nearly strangled to death many times. Thanks to the Truth, he is living and is enjoying life.—*F. C. L.*

Galveston, Texas—Recently I demonstrated over fever in a six month's old baby before its mother could get a doctor. I also had a friend who suffered with asthma. I treated her but never mentioned doing so to her. Today I received a letter, saying she has not had an attack for four weeks. I shall now tell her how to be free forever.—*Mrs. R. C.*

Catlettsburg, Ky.—When Mr. W. was brought to my home I wrote you for prayers, as he had been given up by four of the best doctors here. He was unable to swallow anything but liquid and his mind seemed to be gone. At this writing his mind is fast clearing and he eats and sleeps well. Yesterday he walked three miles. He also had a large goiter and it is nearly gone. He reads and studies Unity literature.—*W. S. B.*

Lock Hart, Texas—Your Society, through Jesus Christ's marvelous power, helped me when the doctors gave me up. I thank God for your prayers and spiritual help. —*Mrs. O. C. H.*

Shorewood, Wis.—On Sunday, when my husband sent a telegram for prayers for me, I had the blind piles so bad I could not get out of bed. The next day we moved, and I was able to help. All pain was gone, and now I am perfectly healed. Thank God and Unity.—*Mrs. W. S.*

St. Louis, Mo.—Since I asked for your prayers I have been cured of three tumors, prolapsus, weakness of the bladder, and nervousness.—*Mrs. F. W. F.*

New London, Ohio—I suffered severely with acute indigestion and asked God to heal me. I declared, "Divine activity is omnipresent and I recognize it in every cell of my abdomen. The perfect, free-flowing life of Spirit is doing its work eternally, and I do not doubt it now." In about fifteen minutes the pain had stopped, the gas ceased to come up and I went quietly to sleep. You have my permission to print this, using my full name, if you so desire.—*Mrs. John H. Saxton.*

Pittsburg, Pa.—I asked your help in overcoming the claim of hay-fever and am thankful to say I am now entirely well.—*A. B. J.*

Louisville, Ky.—My husband's mother asked your aid to help him regain his health. The doctors said he had quick consumption, but he recovered rapidly after you began to pray for him. It seemed a miracle, but I am sure it was God's work alone.—*Mrs. L. A.*

San Diego, Cal.—We asked your prayers for our little boy who had an abscess under his right arm. Infection had set in until nearly one whole side was affected, and he also had a high fever. He began to improve soon after writing you and is now perfectly well.—*Mrs. M. L. W.*

Parma, Idaho—My husband has fully recovered from the bursted intestine and operation. His stomach trouble is much better. He had been ruptured for years, a complaint which I did not report to you. The prayers for the other trouble reached this too, for we have lately discovered that it has healed. He has discarded his truss.—*Mrs. E. A. L.*

Kansas City, Mo.—I asked your prayers for my husband's mother, who seemed to be contracting pneumonia and who was very ill. She improved immediately and by the next morning every symptom of the disease had disappeared. —*R. C.*

Rahway, N. J.—I had worn glasses ever since I was a small child until last week. I am writing this letter without them and am so grateful to God for this blessing.—*Mrs. L. E. W.*

Arlington, Ore.—A marked improvement in my mother's condition occurred soon after I sent you the telegram. We held the healing thought together and she went to sleep. She awoke about two hours later and the inflammation had ceased spreading. Today she is up and about as usual.—*E. S. B.*

Washington, D. C.—Little D. P. had a marvelous recovery. Neither of his parents had ever heard of this form of healing, but the father instantly placed implicit trust in me and believed, although he could not understand. Within an hour's time after we sent for prayers the child was decidedly better, and in two days he was out in the yard playing about in spite of the fact that the doctor had said he had congestion of the lungs and was a very sick child. —*B. M. F.*

Leming, Texas—The Father surely has guided our boy through the valley of the shadow of death and he is now on the road to health. The doctor and nurse said there was no chance for his recovery, but I held in mind that God was able to deliver him. I realize now more than ever that God is everywhere present and rejoice in his great love for mankind.—*T. J. S.*

Waterbury, Conn.—Under your spiritual ministrations I have demonstrated health. Again I am at my work. Thank you and praise the Lord!—*H. C. B.*

Manchester, Vt.—I wrote you for prayers for my son, who was in great pain and unable to move his feet. The next night he could move to any position he wished and is now well and at work.—*Mrs. E. J.*

San Antonio, Texas—My sister is well and able to go to work. The doctor was very much surprised, as he said she could not live long and would never be able to work again.—*Mrs. M. E. H.*

Bremerton, Wash.—After having been given up by two doctors, the Truth has healed me of internal tumors. I praise God.—*B. R. R.*

Erie, Ill.—I am glad to report that Mr. D., for whom I asked prayers two weeks ago, has gone back to his work in the Court House. When I wrote you he was in the hospital with septic poison all through his system, caused from an unhealed wound which had troubled him for fifteen or twenty years. At the time of his going to the hospital, the physicians advised amputation of the limb, although they did not think he would live but a day or so. His friends, and doctors and nurses, could not explain why he recovered so rapidly, for

he left the hospital within a week. I know that if more people would apply Truth as taught by the Unity School they would receive faith in abundance. God bless Unity and its good work everywhere.—*C. E. P.*

Cincinnati, Ohio—At the time we wrote you for prayers for my husband, four doctors had given no hope of his recovery. For two months his mind had been a blank, but it is now restored and his recovery is marvelous. He started to work today.—*Mrs. A. E. C.*

PROSPERITY

Canon City, Colo.—I sold my house in California, which everyone said was impossible to do, because it was out in the mountains where there was hardly anyone living. I knew that there was nothing impossible with God. My brother said the transaction was wonderful, and that if it had been his place that he never could have sold it. I told him if he would give his heart to God, and would have faith, the Father would give him whatever he asked.—*Mrs. C. C.*

Esparto, Cal.—I was sitting sewing at my machine, and also wishing I had one dollar to send to Unity School for some literature. I reached into one of the machine drawers for something and put my hand on a couple of half dollars, just what I wanted. I was thrilled at the experience and immediately thanked the Father. I do not know who placed the dollar there.—*R. M.*

El Paso, Texas—I asked your prayers for the success of all of my family; my mother, sister, husband and myself. We were terribly discouraged at the time, but we have so much to be grateful for now! My sister secured a very good position. I was able to get a good position in the Government service at a salary that I had not even hoped for. I have been working less than two months, and have excellent prospects of an increase in salary in the near future. My mother got a position two weeks ago which will pay her very well. My husband received notice last week that his salary has been increased. For all this we praise God.—*Mrs. W. A. B.*

Darien, Ga.—Your prayers have borne fruit. I secured a position in a bank after school hours. This extra money will enable me to pay present expenses and some past obligations. I am grateful to the Giver of all good and to you as a channel for good.—*H. D. C.*

Tacoma, Wash.—I asked your prayers that my husband might secure a better position and in a most wonderful

way the opportunity came. I cannot express my gratitude for it seemed from the human viewpoint there could be no way out of our difficulty.—*H. L.*

St. Louis, Mo.—I wrote you for prayers for healing of leg ulcers that I might be able to go to work. In a few days I was healed. I was employed to fill the first position I went to see about, and am well pleased. I have not used any medicine since I wrote you and my friends think I look fine.—*Miss D. S.*

San Francisco, Cal.—I am so grateful for your prayers and help in securing a position.—*H. P.*

Kansas City, Mo.—I asked your prayers in selling our house and also for a position for my husband. Both prayers have been answered, and we are so thankful to God and to you.—*Mrs. B. H. K.*

Carmangay, Alta.—Already your prayers are bringing wonderful results in my life and affairs. We moved into beautiful, comfortable surroundings, and my husband has been given the position he has wanted for over a year. I have no doubt as to the cause of this wonderful change. Praise God!—*Mrs. E. M.*

Omaha, Neb.—In answer to your prayers, there has been a wonderful opening up in me and in my affairs. I have had an increase in salary to the amount of twenty-five dollars a month, for which I gratefully thank the Father from whom I know all blessings come. When we make ourselves channels through which he may pour out his riches, we are sure to receive.—*E. T.*

Los Angeles, Cal.—Within a couple of weeks after I wrote you, my husband got a raise in his salary, and today was given a much better position with even more money. I firmly believe that God does care and provide for us if we ask and trust him.—*Mrs. O. C.*

Rutherford, N. J.—My heart is full of praise and joy to tell you that I am abundantly supplied with the bounty of God my Father, who supplies all my needs. I praise God and Unity for the many blessings which I have received through your prayers.—*S. D. B.*

Gazelle, Cal.—I have been abundantly blessed in both health and prosperity. I have had demonstrations in prosperity from unexpected sources. Also the mastoid trouble, for which I wrote for prayers, has disappeared, and I am thankful to you and God.—*Mrs. M.*

Clarksville, Tenn.—My heart is full of praise and thanksgiving to the Father and to you. Mr. R. has secured

just the position he wanted at a good salary. You have done a great deal for me in a spiritual way.—*Mrs. H. L. R.*

Forsyth, Mont.—I wrote asking your prayers that my husband would secure a position and before the letter was taken from our box my prayer had been answered. God answered at once and I am so thankful.—*Mrs. C. C.*

Preston, Ont.—I am daily becoming more conscious of my oneness with my Father. I am beginning to realize that "all that the Father hath is mine." I feel that I am the Christ, the beloved Son of God, and that God is expressing himself through me. Whenever I have anything to pay, I do it joyfully and gladly, knowing that the Father is using me to pass the abundance of his substance on to some other child of his. I do not look forward so much as I once did, thinking when I get paid for this or the other, that I can get so and so. I have had quite a number of things done about the place, which, if I had stopped to reckon, I would have considered beyond my means. But it all comes out all right, and I know that all good is mine. I am the child of a rich Father, and he supplies all my needs. —*Miss M. F.*

Louisville, Ky.—After writing you for prayers, I got into communication with a firm in another city and was advised to come and see them in regard to a very good position. While I was engaged in conversation with the manager of the department, I chanced to look up to the top of her desk and there lay a copy of Unity. I could not suppress my feeling and said, "Do you read Unity?" "Yes, Mrs. S., I do. Do you?" Well, dear Unity, you understand the rest, I am sure. I was engaged for the position. I am an entire stranger in the city, but am to make my home with one of Unity's members. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."—*L. R. S.*

San Francisco, Cal.—Before my letter to you had been gone two days, I rented my flat. The April, May and June copies of Unity are the best I ever read. I read them over and over and each time find something which helps me so much.—*Mrs. E. V. B.*

Hayden Lake, Idaho—The property of which I wrote you last fall has been sold, and the proceeds deposited in the bank. The miraculous part of it is that the individuals whom we expected would bring in a large bill for administrator fees, etc., failed to do so. We can attribute this only to the power of God to intervene in their hearts for us. —*Mrs. F. O. S.*

Tulsa, Okla.—Enclosed please find a love offering

in appreciation of assistance rendered through prayer. Success in business has increased over fifty per cent over the previous week.—*A. C. P.*

Chicago, Ill.—I asked for prayers for prosperity and the result was wonderful. I rented my flat and received more for it than I expected. I thank you for your help.—*Mrs. A. B.*

New Castle, Ind.—My nomination to fill a county office was a wonderful success. I also have a good position that will be training for the position I am elected to fill this fall, proving that Divine Love meets every need. That which is for our highest good comes to us, through unfailing Law. I have been wonderfully blessed through the transforming power of your teachings and my health is better than it has been for four years.—*E. M.*

FREEDOM

Joplin, Mo.—In the last three months I have received so bounteously of God's love and mercy that a symbol, no matter of what valuation, seems inadequate. Through prayer and faith I am entirely free, not only from any desire for liquor, but from its effects. I feel better, look better and am better than I have been for years. At times it has been no easy sailing, but very rough bumps, but the joy of conquering is wonderful. You have done much for me. I can never repay you, but the Law will be fulfilled.—*D. B. H.*

Bremerton, Wash.—My husband has, through your prayers, been cured of the cigarette habit after 18 or 20 years of smoking. We are both thankful to God and to you for teaching us the way.—*N. B. W.*

Indianapolis, Ind.—Sometime ago I was feeling very despondent and greatly discouraged with almost everything in my life. My health was poor; my husband was almost impossible to live with because of drink and other reasons, and my son is in the war. I wrote to you asking for advise and prayers, and I received a kind and cheerful letter with literature. As a result of your prayers, I am in a much better frame of mind, my husband has quit drinking and his temper has improved much in consequence. I give thanks for these blessings.—*Mrs. R. C.*

Cincinnati, Ohio—You have been helping my husband overcome the liquor habit. He has not touched whiskey for over two months, after drinking in moderation for the last twenty-five years.—*Mrs. M. M.*

Atlanta, Georgia—My father, for whom I asked

your prayers, has not drunk any whiskey in one year. He is doing better in many ways.—*Miss A. S.*

Detroit, Mich.—I thank God each day that he has made me capable of so great a love toward the whole world. Since taking up the Truth I love everybody, and could not begin to tell of the good I receive.—*Mrs. I. G.*

Minneapolis, Minn.—My heart is running over with thanks to God and to you for the good which has come to me since I started to study Truth and read "Lessons in Truth." Prosperity has been mine and I find joy everywhere. My work is now so easy while before I was discontented. I have also been cured of piles.—*M. I. B.*

Richmond, Ky.—When I wrote you my husband smoked constantly and was also a dope fiend. He is now free from both.—*Mrs. L. P.*

"BE YE TRANSFORMED"

Buffalo, N. Y.—It is about a year since I first heard of Unity. At that time my husband and I were in great mental, physical and financial distress. I wrote you for prayers and am truly thankful for your pointing the way to spiritual happiness and success. Our financial difficulties have disappeared and my husband is a well man, after having been told by a specialist that he had tuberculosis of long standing. My health is also better in every way.—*N. E. R.*

Pelham, N. Y.—I am well and happy. My nerves are normal now, and I have no more melancholia. I took off my glasses November, 1914, and have not had need of them since. I had worn them every minute before that for six years. I have learned to see only the good in people and forget all the bad. What a wonderful thing this one thought is, "Only to think of the good." Thank God, and may his blessings rest on the Unity Society forever.—*M. A. W.*

Montreal, Quebec, Canada—I wrote you for help in connection with my school work. I had been trying so hard to teach so that the students would understand clearly but the outlook was dark. After you began to coöperate with me in prayer the situation changed wonderfully. I write this that other dicouraged teachers may be helped in finding the way through your prayers.—*Miss J. W.*

Washington, D. C.—I asked your prayers to solve a general state of confusion. My problems were in reference to the training camp with which I was connected. These problems were solved and all the results have proven for the

best. I was commissioned a captain in the Ordnance Department where I was more useful than if I had received the particular commission that I desired. For all this I thank you and the Father.—*F. B. F.*

Los Angeles, Cal.—I thank you for the many blessings that I have received through your teachings. I have been at the edge of the precipice and looked into the depths below, but thanks to God and Unity I have been able to resist the impulse to let myself go over. Only God and our unity with him can save us and make us free.—*Mrs. G. S.*

Fiber City, Mich.—We have been much benefited through your Society and I am very glad and thankful. We are more prosperous. My husband has a very good position and seems to be appreciated. About two months ago I asked your prayers for deafness and in a short time my ears opened up and I can now hear as well as ever. I at once thanked God and Unity for being healed.—*Mrs. J. T. B.*

Bowen Island, B. C., Canada—I thank you for your prayers for my husband, little grandson and myself. My husband is now in a position where he is doing work that he is accustomed to, and at a much better salary than he has been receiving for some time. I feel and know that your prayers have helped much, for it seemed that my husband woud never come into his own. The grandson is well, and my health is much improved.—*M. A. A.*

Boston, Mass.—I can hardly express my deep gratitude to you good people for helping me to know God as I do. I have a faith that I have never had before. I trust my Father in everything now, and I was never so happy in all my life. —*Mrs. E. B.*

Worthington, Ohio—Last year I asked prayers for my brother, who seemed determined to go into the very depths of sin. This spring a very wonderful thing happened. He enlisted in the Hospital Corps. To you that may not seem much, but for him to deliberately put himself under strict discipline, and devote himself to the service of others was an enormous step upwards. He enlisted the middle of March and was in France the middle of May. I saw him the night before he left and filled his pockets with Unity literature. I know that he will come back a new man, giving God the glory for it all. My husband was suffering such intense pain in the sciatic nerve that I determined to write to you. My first opportunity to write came just after supper, but in the meantime I began to declare these words for my husband: "The quickening life of Spirit renews your mind and body."

As I sat down to write this letter to you my husband came and sat down as easily as anyone, and said he had been working all afternoon. He said: "Isn't it remarkable that at noon I had never been in such pain in my life, and now I haven't any, and feel better than I have for days?" So you see just by sending forth the living Word the help came. Many thanks for your help both past and present.—*E. D. L.*

Little Rock, Ark.—A year ago when I first wrote to you I was in a pitiful condition. My husband and I had just separated and I had three children to care for. I did not have a roomer, and was sick and so blind I could not make out who a person was three feet from me. When your letter came it gave me new courage and in two or three months I could read the finest print, and my house was packed with roomers. My husband now helps me support the children. Praise be to God.—*Mrs. G. W. C.*

Danby, Cal.—You could have given me no greater blessing than the bringing of my father and I together.—*V. Y.*

Oatman, Ariz.—After my wife passed on I became very despondent and was attacked by nervous prostration and had grave fears of losing my reason. Thanks to the Truth, I am now in a better condition morally, mentally and physically than ever before in my life. This transformation has taken place in the last fifteen months, since mother attracted my attention to Unity.—*A. P. R.*

Mukilteo, Wash.—Everything is working well with me and my husband. We are both feeling fine.—*Mrs. G. C.*

Los Angeles, Cal.—I have been moved and thrilled with Divine Light and Love as never before. Truly the Helper, the Holy Spirit, has come and has entered into my consciousness never to depart. My heart is filled with thankfulness to you and the Father for the joy that is now mine. These thoughts came to me when I read the inscription on the certificate of membership which you sent me: "O Infinite Father, I thank thee that I have been led to know and to become one of this simple, kindly, earnest band of Christians who believe firmly in thy wonderful saving grace here and now; who believe in thy unlimited power over all created things; who believe in thy constant, gracious presence within us always; who know that where thou art, neither sin nor sickness, neither sorrow nor misfortune, can ever come; who know that nothing but good can exist in thy holy presence; who believe in thy gracious, loving care for everyone of us; who have experienced the unspeakable joy,

the thrilling power, the Divine peace which comes from constant communion with thee, and whose hearts are filled with love and thankfulness and praise to thee for thy 'wonderful goodness to the children of men.' "—*R. D. W.*

Calgary, Alta., Canada—After I mailed my letter asking for prayers for my dear father I felt so much happier, and I knew he would get well without an operation. I am also thankful to say that my husband is well again. Everyone was surprised at his speedy recovery. My husband's business has prospered wonderfully since we had your prosperity prayers. The swelling in my breast and limbs has gone away. I am now able to do large amounts of work. Praise God!—*F. L. L.*

Camp Custer, Mich.—Always when I have asked for your prayers your response has been unfailing. I thank you for the many demonstrations of every kind that have come to myself and my immediate relatives and friends; each one serves to build a little stronger a faith already far from weak. I am coming to recognize more and more the absolute power of Truth; there is no getting away from it.—*A. L. S.*

PROTECTION

Sumner, Mich.—Thursday, May 9th, at 11:30 p. m., a cyclone with destruction in its path struck our town and vicinity. As the wind struck the house, this blessed thought come to me, which I kept repeating aloud: "No harm shall come nigh thy dwelling." Two buildings outside were scattered. The ice house was twisted out of shape. I was calm and not afraid. B's houses, both brick and frame, were blown down, but our home was saved. What a blessed assurance if we but put our faith in the Lord, and our dear Unity that teaches us to trust in our hour of need.—*Mrs. C. A. J. S.*

Tuolumne, Cal.—Two weeks ago I was out on the sleeping porch resting after helping with the washing and baking bread and cookies. I read Unity, which I always do when resting, and became quiet and was almost asleep, when suddenly I saw myself enveloped in white flames. I started up alarmed, not for myself, but for others I knew were in danger. I began to pray and send out thoughts for Divine protection and love and then went to sleep for about fifteen minutes. The fire bells sounded so loudly that I was awakened. I got up hastily and located the fire, which was downtown. For awhile it seemed as if the whole town

would go up in flames, so we began to pack up a few things. All this time I had been praying, but rather disconnectedly, but when I saw the flames coming toward us I stopped and held, "God is our help in every need." Almost immediately the wind blew the fire the other way and it began to be spent, in fact not another building caught. It stopped two blocks from us. Nearly all the buildings in the business section had been burned to the ground but no lives were lost, even the horses and cattle were saved. The baking of bread and cookies, which we seem to have been led to do, as we do not usually bake on Monday, served supper for the helpers in the rescue work. I praise God for this deliverance.—*Mrs. R. G.*

Lansing, Mich.—The friend, for whom I wrote you for prayers of protection, has been right in the thickest of the battle and has come out safe. I am so thankful.—*Miss J. K.*

CONTROL OF ELEMENTS

Snyder, Okla.—A few days ago I asked your prayers for rain which was needed very much in this part of the country. Since writing we have had an abundance of rain, and I thank you.—*J. P.*

Colon, Neb.—I wrote you for prayers because of a severe drought in our section of the country and by the time you received the letter we got a magnificent rain—a downpour. It has rained almost daily since (about three weeks now), with good growing weather, and the ground is thoroughly soaked and crops doing fine.—*Mrs. A. M. S.*

Lincolon, Neb.—A week ago I wrote you for prayers that rain might come here. On the second day after mailing the letter the rain was abundant, and has helped all. We are thankful for your prayers, and for many other blessings which we are receiving through the Divine Principle.—*H. L. B.*

Las Cruces, N. M.—God has heard our prayer for rain. On Wednesday it came to Caballo Mountain Range. I know it is through your Word that this blessing has come to us. If you could realize how parched and dry this cattle range was, you could understand how grateful we are to you for speaking the Word for us. May God bless you with his richest blessings. It now looks like more rain was coming, and I know that it shall continue until the earth is well watered.—*N. P.*

Cheraw, Colo.—Three days after writing you our need

for rain, our ditches were filled with water, caused by heavy mountain rains; and everyone had water, the reservoirs taking the surplus. We thank you for your prayers.—*W. K. G.*

HELPED BY UNITY LITERATURE

Columbine, Colo.—In November, 1910, I answered an advertisement and received the most valuable book I possess, viz., "The Science of Being and Christian Healing—Twelve Lessons," by Charles Fillmore. Of over several thousand dollars worth of books, lessons and courses that I have purchased this book means more to me than all the rest and is a valuable teacher and guide.—*T. E. K.*

Ringwood, Okla.—I am certainly being blessed through the study of "Lessons in Truth," and am coming each day into a greater realization of my oneness with the Father. I daily praise the living Christ for my nearness to him.—*F. H.*

Midland Park, N. J.—My husband has been a subscriber to Weekly Unity about two years. He had asked me often to read it, but I would always say that I did not have time as I had so much work to do. I used to think it ridiculous of him to be reading the magazines, as I thought there was nothing to them. One day I said to him, "How do you know that the people who write those magazines are good people and that you should follow their advice?" He just closed his eyes and said nothing. After that Unity was not mentioned. My husband is a traveling man and was soon sent out on the road. He had not been gone long when I began to feel miserable. I felt that I was absolutely alone in the world with a great deal to do, looking after four children. By the time my husband came home I was a nervous wreck from worry. The doctor was sent for and when I got well my husband again urged me to read Unity. To please him I did so and soon it began to take hold of me, and I now rejoice in the encouragement and help Truth gives me. My work seems to be half done before I begin it and it is no effort to do the seeming hard things. I have found peace and contentment. We are also more prosperous in business and the children do not give me the trouble they used to. I am trying among my neighbors to spread the Truth and shall try in all ways to follow in Christ's footsteps. It is the life that wins.—*Mrs. W. M.*

Los Angeles, Cal.—I never had such good health and success as I have experienced since studying Unity Magazine and Weekly Unity.—*M. B.*

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MOVEMENT OF TEACHERS SENT OUT FROM UNITY SOCIETY OF KANSAS CITY, MO.

Mrs. Jennie H. Croft, our Librarian and one of our Field workers also, begins a series of lectures and lessons in Topeka, Kansas, on Sunday, October 20th. A full program will be given in the October Unity Magazine.

Richard Lynch has been called to Cleveland, Columbus and other cities in Ohio for lectures and classes during the months of October and November. Further announcements of this work will be made in Weekly Unity and in next month's issue of this magazine.

Mr. Lynch will close his work in St. Joseph, Mo., Sunday morning, September 22d. He will give the final address of a series on fundamental principles of Practical Christianity on this subject, "Man's Divine Dominion," in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Seventh and Charles Streets.

ILLINOIS, INDIANA, OHIO and SOUTHEASTERN IOWA. Attention of readers in above mentioned states is called to the fact that one of our teachers, Richard Lynch, from Unity School, Kansas City, will be open for engagements enroute. Those living in these states who would be interested in having Mr. Lynch address a Center or group of Truth students, please address at once the Field Department of Unity School of Christianity, Kansas City, Mo.

The Unity Society of Practical Christianity in St. Joseph, Mo., holds services each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Seventh and Charles Sts. The speakers from Unity Society in Kansas City will deliver lectures in the following order:

September 1—Geo. Huston, subject, "Is Your Soul Saved?"

September 8—Olive Huston, subject, "True Prayer."

September 15—Geo. Huston, subject, "Are You Individual?"

NEWS FROM TRUTH CENTERS IN OTHER CITIES

OMAHA, NEB.—The Unity Society, Room 1604 City National Bank Bldg., has resumed its usual meetings on Wednesday evenings. Mr. Edwin S. Jewell, leader. The Correspondence School Lessons, Nos. 4, 5 and 6, will form the basis of the lesson talks which will deal with the practical application of the Principles of Truth presented in the Lessons.

DAYTON, OHIO—The New Thought Temple, room 30 Davis Bldg., Mrs. Clara Nordland, leader, holds services as follows: Sunday, at 10:45, Mrs. Nordland, speaker; evening meeting at 8 o'clock, Miss Freedman, speaker. Regular healing meeting on Friday evening. The rooms are open daily from 2 to 4 p. m. For class work and appointments consult Mrs. Nordland.

OMAHA, NEB.—The Omaha Metaphysical Library, room 1604 City National Bank Bldg., has begun its fall and winter activities.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL.—Unity Students are invited to meet Wednesday evenings, at 7:30, at the home of Mrs. Minnie F. Schlossen, 744 D Street. Home Phone 9403.

DAYTON, OHIO—A New Thought Center has been established in this city with rooms at 503 Mutual Home Building. Mr. Carl W. Hubert is in charge. Rooms open daily.

ST. LEONARDS ON SEA, SUSSEX, ENGLAND—The New Thought Center at 15 Chapel Park Road, will welcome any American soldiers, sailors or officers who are interested in or who belong to the Unity School of Christianity in Kansas City, Missouri, U. S. A. The members stand ready to show these Americans the places of interest in this vicinity and will do all in their power to make their stay in this place pleasant and homelike.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—At the Truth Center, 1328 Walnut St., Mrs. M. S. L. Butterworth, leader, will give a course of lectures on Emilie Cady's "Lessons In Truth" on every Tuesday evening, beginning September 24th and concluding October 29th. These lectures are open to the public; admission free.

BOISE, IDAHO—The Boise Unity Center meets each Wednesday evening at W. P. Richards' office, room 223 Sonna Block. The study of H. Emilie Cady's "Miscellaneous Writings" is now engaging the attention of the members. The Good Words Club and a Beginners' Class in the study of Truth meet at the same rooms and all interested in the Truth are welcome.

BOSTON, MASS.—The class in H. Emilie Cady's book, "Lessons in Truth," held at the New Thought Library, 120 Boylston St., under the leadership of Anna Young Huntress, has proved a great success. These lessons are to be continued and an evening class added. The new series begin Thursday, October 4th, and continue until January, 1919, at 3 p. m. and 7:45 p. m., each Thursday. Phone, Beach 53394.

LINCOLN, NEB.—The engagement of Miss Kate M. Nevill with the Unity Center in this city for October has been indefinitely postponed.

NEW YORK CITY—The Unity Society of Practical Christianity, 163 West 57th St., has closed for the summer, but will reopen October 6th at the same address.

NEW YORK CITY—Society of the Inner Life and Unity Center, 28 West 72d Street; telephone Columbus 5522. In general this work is in harmony with the teachings of *Unity* (Kansas City) and the *Master Mind* (Los Angeles). It seeks to call attention to impersonal and universal principles rather than personal beliefs and opinions, and to cultivate an intuitive and individual response to these principles, thus awakening a true spiritual consciousness. It seeks the spirit rather than the letter of Jesus Christ's teachings.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Unity students in Memphis and vicinity who may be interested in bringing a Unity lecturer from Kansas City are invited to write, telephone or call upon Etta D. Gant, who is planning to call Miss Nevill for a course of lectures provided she can get the coöperation of Unity students in Memphis and vicinity. Her address is 811 Court Ave., and the telephone number is Main 5711-J.

A CORRECTION

In the article, "Thy Kingdom Come," published in the August Unity, the last sentence of the third paragraph on Page 141 should read as follows:

Man makes his own limitations through failing to claim his redemption from all the adversity brought upon him through ignorant thought. Man can redeem himself from all the limitations in mind, soul and body, here and now, by the power of the Christ within himself.

TO FURTHER THE SPIRIT OF UNITY

Many requests for the names of our subscribers in various places are coming to us, the object of the writers being to get acquainted with others of like thought. It is a rule among publishers not to give out the names of subscribers, because people do not like to be intruded upon. However, those of the same spiritual thought are often strengthened by coming in touch with one another, and for this reason we desire to help make such acquaintances. We will not give the names of our subscribers, but instead will publish the names of those who have written to us for lists. We cannot grant the privilege to everybody, but to those only who we have reason to believe are sincere seekers for Truth. The following would like to meet Unity people in their vicinity:

Mrs. L. M. Holman, 613 Hazel St., Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. R. Battersby, Box 388, Firestone Park Station, Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Cora Fields, Alva, Okla.

Mrs. J. F. Hamant, S. Gum Road, North Vernon, Ind.

Bessie Myers, Jensen, Utah.

Mrs. A. J. Beaty, 2507 Channing Way, Berkeley, Cal.

SOCIETY OF SILENT SEVENTY

"The Lord appointed seventy others."

The Silent Seventy is the department of Unity work organized for the special purpose of distributing literature. You who have been benefited by the study of Truth which sets free and who desire to help others to see the Light, are invited to join the Silent Seventy and take up this work. There are no membership dues; however, freewill offerings are welcome. Write the secretary for bulletin and further information.

Each month we will publish a testimonial from a member; this month we give the following:

Ba, Fiji, Islands—I am indeed glad to tell you that these little booklets are greatly valued and found most helpful, and many are doing their best to follow this line of thought. So many were longing for just such a teaching of the Truth, and now they in their turn are telling and helping others. We have formed a Unity Study class of those who have been thinking and reading along these lines for some years past, and meet once a week in my rooms. We talk over these Truths, reading perhaps a portion of Unity, or some such literature, and we find these evenings delightful. We discuss it all thoroughly and help one another, and what is so good and so splendid, they each go away and help some others they know who have not come into the understanding of these teachings with the result that they get them to thinking along these new lines, and if one can only get a person to thinking it is easy to carry them on further, and then they will eventually see and apply it for themselves. I am so often cheered and made happy by hearing of someone I have been so fortunate as to get interested in the Truth telling the same Truth to others. Only today a dear friend said: "When out at luncheon today my cousin and niece began discussing ailments and saying to each other, 'Oh dear, you look so tired and so pale,' etc. At once I explained to them that since coming into an understanding of Truth it is wonderful how quickly you notice when people are thinking on wrong lines and so help to promote disease and trouble instead of doing their best to banish it." She gave them the true line of thought and asked them to do their best to think health, happiness and success, and before leaving both these ladies were the better for her "Unity" discourse.—*Mrs. K. C.*, S-70 No. XX-66.

UNITY GOOD WORDS CLUB

Are you coöperating with the Good Words Club? Application for membership bears the pledge:

I believe in the power of the spoken word, and I realize that I am held accountable for even my lightest words. I also believe that there is power in united effort. Therefore, I desire to become a member of Unity Good Words Club that I may unite in helping others as well as myself to speak only good, true words.

I agree to guard my conversations against all words of gossip, anxiety, foolishness, impurity, untruthfulness, crime, fear, nagging, complaining, sickness, poverty and anger, and to turn them toward words of trust, wisdom, goodness, health, prosperity, praise, joy and goodwill. I will also abide by the rules of the Club.

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3. Members are expected to report once a month to the Central Secretary. (All that will be required is a mere statement to the effect that the member is trying and is succeeding in replacing idle words with good ones.)

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The Good Words Club, organized a few months over three years, has a membership of 10,250, and is increasing at an average rate of two hundred a month. Almost every country is represented in the membership roll. Distinctive features of the Club are: Anyone can affiliate with the organization, regardless of creed or religion, the principles on which the Club is founded

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BEST LITERATURE CONTEST

The "Best Literature" contest closed August 1st. There were six hundred letters received and it will require some time to go over them all and decide which best cover the necessary points.

BRICK BLESSINGS

We are now and then getting "brick blessings" in which the writers say they hope they are not too late. No, you are not too late; there are several thousand bricks still waiting for you.

A NEW SERIES

Gathered together under the title of "Unity Prosperity Series" are three booklets that explain some important laws that govern Prosperity, Opulence, Success, and true riches.

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October 20 to November 20, 1918
Held daily at 9 p. m.

"Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

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October 20 to November 20, 1918
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"Thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

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